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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, DSS had 22,988 open cases (1,847 adoption cases and 21,141 clinical cases). A total of 74,528 consumers (34,591 adults and 39,937 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,264 in the Central Region to 4,693 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was little overall change in the DSS client population (statewide). The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a gradual rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations reflect the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reporting throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 4, Fig. 20 on page 51)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 11,198 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004. Included in this count are 10,200 children (less than 18 years old) and 998 young adults (18 years or older). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 26% (10,200) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 29% in the West, 26% in the Southeast, 24% in the Northeast, 24% in Metro, 24% in Central, and 21% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Springfield, and Holyoke Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Malden, Dimock Street, and Lawrence Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- Quarterly fluctuations in the number of children in placement resulted in little, if any, overall change. **(Fig. 3)**

- Quarterly fluctuations in the population of children not in placement¹ (with an open case status) produced little overall change. **(Fig. 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- The consumer population included 39,937 (54%) children less than 18 years old and 34,591 (46%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (15,585) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 17% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was “Unspecified” for 23% of the consumers. Of the total consumer population, 22% (16,465 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the Northeast and West. **(Tables 3A and 3B, Figs. 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 48% Black and 24% White consumers (5,020 and 2,474 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (947 consumers, mainly Cambodian). The Western region had the highest proportion of consumers (30%) with race unspecified. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Spanish was the primary language of 6% (4,241) of DSS consumers. The Northeastern, Boston, and Western Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 9%, 9%, and 8%, respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 443 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Boston and Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

¹ Children are less than 18 years old.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| | | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | Adoption | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | West | Central | Northeast | Metro | Southeast | Boston | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| Case Counts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adoption | | 405 | 237 | 246 | 212 | 383 | 215 | 148 | 1 | 1,847 |
| Clinical | | 3,800 | 3,027 | 3,710 | 3,150 | 4,310 | 3,101 | 8 | 35 | 21,141 |
| Total | | 4,205 | 3,264 | 3,956 | 3,362 | 4,693 | 3,316 | 156 | 36 | 22,988 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Counts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adults: ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ | Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 146 | 94 | 173 | 181 | 176 | 169 | --- | 30 | 969 |
| | Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 8 | --- | --- | 29 |
| | Total in Placement | 151 | 97 | 176 | 184 | 183 | 177 | --- | 30 | 998 |
| Not in Placement | | 6,009 | 5,055 | 5,749 | 5,037 | 7,208 | 4,532 | --- | 3 | 33,593 |
| Total Adults | | 6,160 | 5,152 | 5,925 | 5,221 | 7,391 | 4,709 | --- | 33 | 34,591 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children: | | | | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ | Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 2,068 | 1,437 | 1,599 | 1,216 | 2,027 | 1,117 | 252 | 6 | 9,722 |
| | Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 47 | 28 | 60 | 18 | 40 | 43 | 1 | --- | 237 |
| | On the Run | 70 | 24 | 43 | 19 | 37 | 48 | --- | --- | 241 |
| | Total in Placement | 2,185 | 1,489 | 1,702 | 1,253 | 2,104 | 1,208 | 253 | 6 | 10,200 |
| Not in Placement | | 5,386 | 4,637 | 5,398 | 3,949 | 5,837 | 4,514 | 15 | 1 | 29,737 |
| Total Children | | 7,571 | 6,126 | 7,100 | 5,202 | 7,941 | 5,722 | 268 | 7 | 39,937 |
| Total | | 13,731 | 11,278 | 13,025 | 10,423 | 15,332 | 10,431 | 268 | 40 | 74,528 |

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

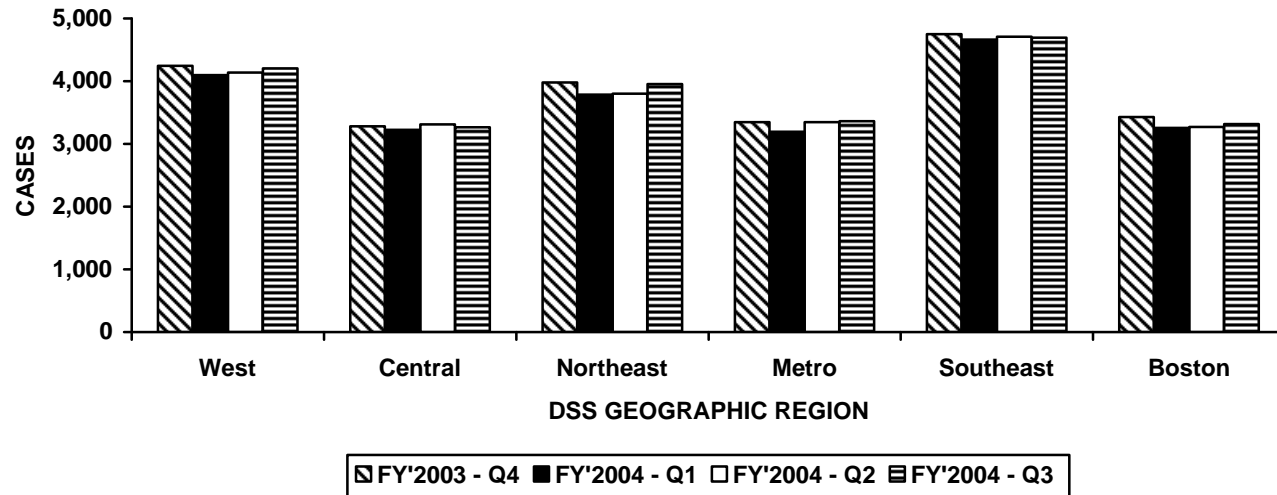
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**

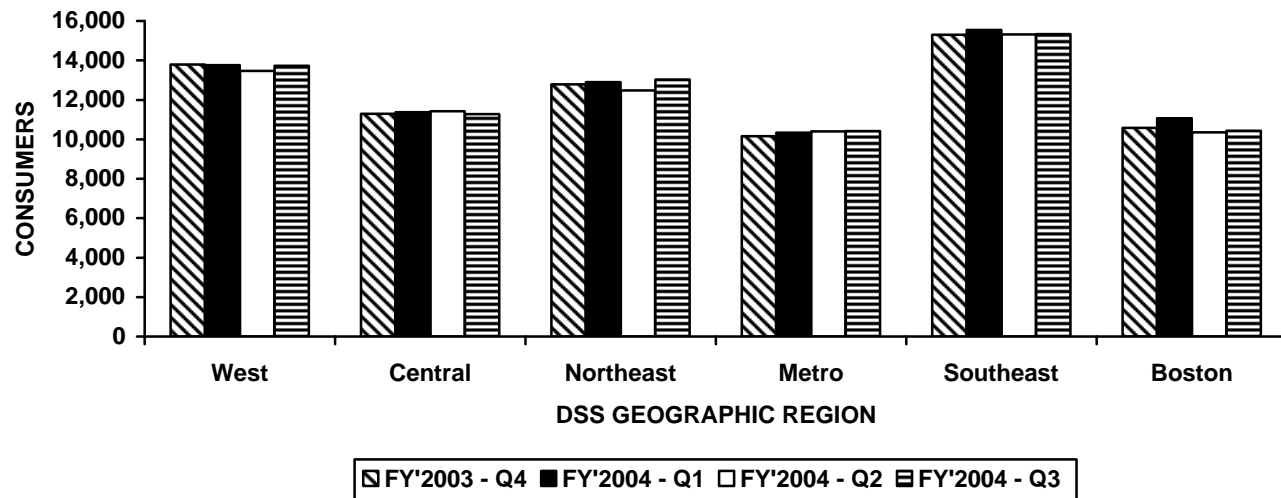


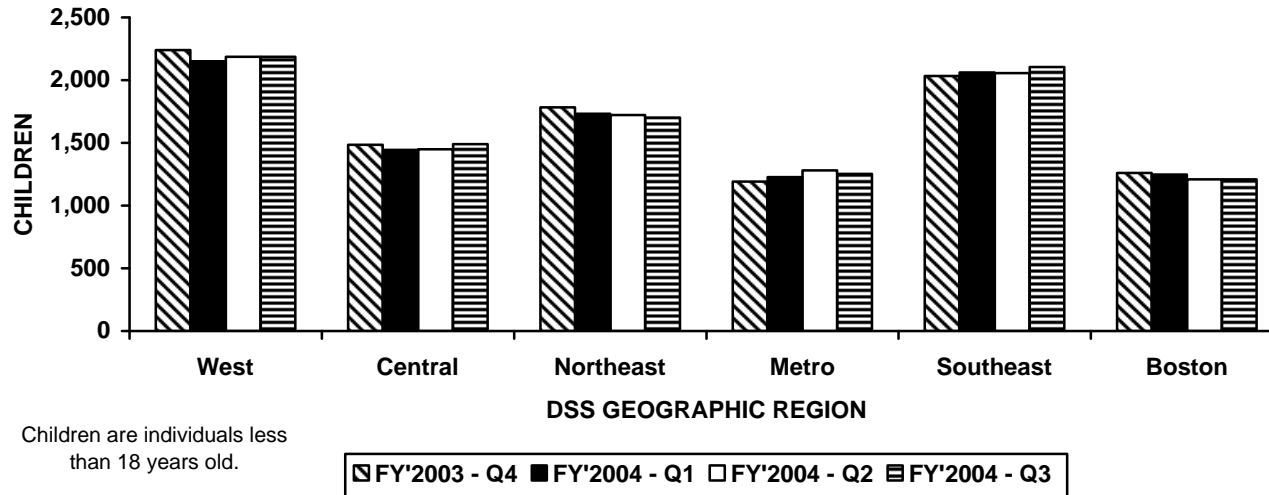
TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Region/Area | Not in Placement | In Placement | Total Child Caseload | % in Placement |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Pittsfield | 668 | 345 | 1,013 | 34% |
| Greenfield | 812 | 332 | 1,144 | 29% |
| Holyoke | 1,177 | 526 | 1,703 | 31% |
| Robert Van Wart Center | 1,387 | 378 | 1,765 | 21% |
| Springfield | 1,334 | 600 | 1,934 | 31% |
| Contracted Agencies | 8 | 4 | 12 | 33% |
| Western | 5,386 | 2,185 | 7,571 | 29% |
| North Central | 1,687 | 464 | 2,151 | 22% |
| South Central | 1,304 | 417 | 1,721 | 24% |
| Worcester | 1,638 | 607 | 2,245 | 27% |
| Contracted Agencies | 8 | 1 | 9 | 11% |
| Central | 4,637 | 1,489 | 6,126 | 24% |
| Lowell | 1,090 | 460 | 1,550 | 30% |
| Lawrence | 1,415 | 334 | 1,749 | 19% |
| Cape Ann | 893 | 295 | 1,188 | 25% |
| Haverhill | 868 | 265 | 1,133 | 23% |
| Lynn | 1,126 | 343 | 1,469 | 23% |
| Contracted Agencies | 6 | 5 | 11 | 45% |
| Northeast | 5,398 | 1,702 | 7,100 | 24% |
| Malden | 1,041 | 230 | 1,271 | 18% |
| Framingham | 600 | 263 | 863 | 30% |
| Cambridge | 690 | 251 | 941 | 27% |
| Arlington | 787 | 239 | 1,026 | 23% |
| Coastal | 813 | 263 | 1,076 | 24% |
| Contracted Agencies | 18 | 7 | 25 | 28% |
| Metro | 3,949 | 1,253 | 5,202 | 24% |
| Attleboro | 659 | 279 | 938 | 30% |
| Brockton | 1,174 | 383 | 1,557 | 25% |
| New Bedford | 1,344 | 503 | 1,847 | 27% |
| Fall River | 1,110 | 458 | 1,568 | 29% |
| Plymouth | 811 | 230 | 1,041 | 22% |
| Cape Cod | 727 | 250 | 977 | 26% |
| Contracted Agencies | 12 | 1 | 13 | 8% |
| Southeast | 5,837 | 2,104 | 7,941 | 26% |
| Hyde Park | 856 | 308 | 1,164 | 26% |
| Dimock Street | 1,168 | 270 | 1,438 | 19% |
| Park Street | 1,360 | 346 | 1,706 | 20% |
| Harbor | 1,130 | 282 | 1,412 | 20% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| Boston | 4,514 | 1,208 | 5,722 | 21% |
| Adoption Contracts | 15 | 253 | 268 | 94% |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | 1 | 6 | 7 | 86% |
| Total | 29,737 | 10,200 | 39,937 | 26% |

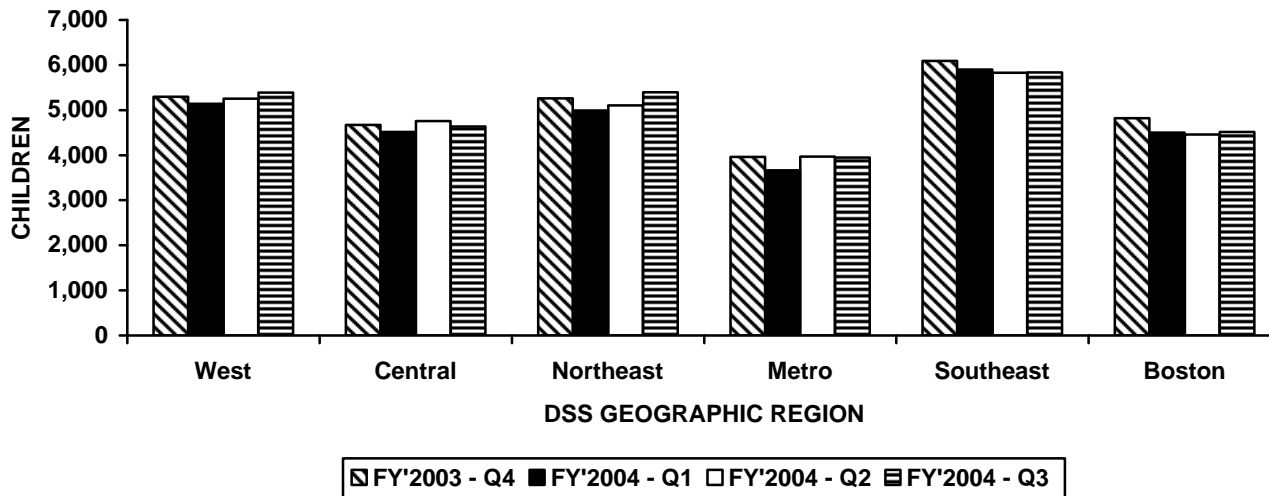
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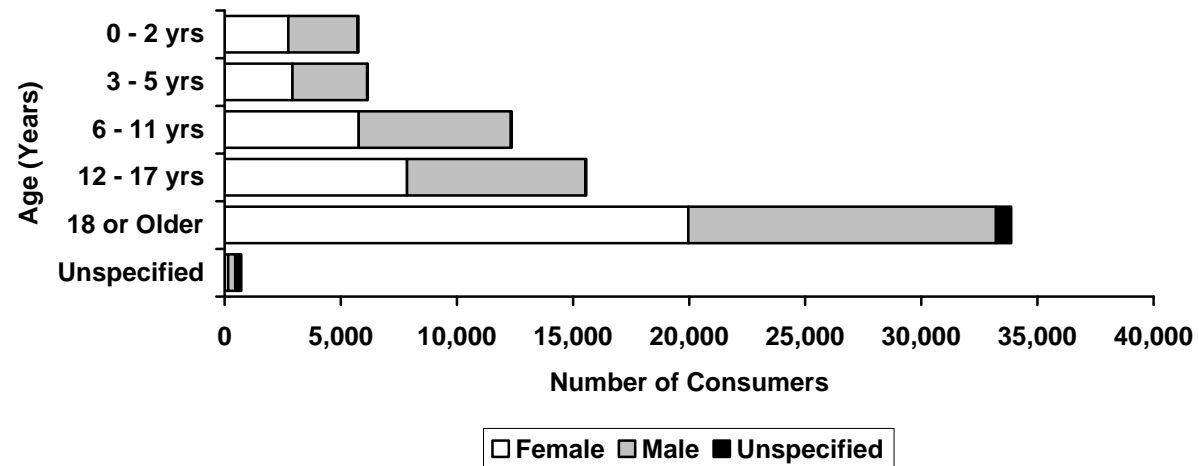
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



| Age (Yrs) | Sex | | | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Female | Male | Unspecified ⁽¹⁾ | |
| 0 - 2 | 2,747 | 2,980 | 50 | 5,777 |
| 3 - 5 | 2,919 | 3,232 | 21 | 6,172 |
| 6 - 11 | 5,777 | 6,553 | 46 | 12,376 |
| 12 - 17 | 7,852 | 7,692 | 41 | 15,585 |
| 18 or older | 19,964 | 13,263 | 662 | 33,889 |
| Unspecified ⁽¹⁾ | 158 | 317 | 254 | 729 |
| Total | 39,417 | 34,037 | 1,074 | 74,528 |

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 702 adults and 27 children whose ages were unknown and 1,074 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

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TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Race | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾ | | | | Total | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|---|------|-----|------|--------|------|
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| White | 7,648 | 56% | 7,368 | 65% | 7,425 | 57% | 6,812 | 65% | 9,785 | 64% | 2,474 | 24% | 144 | 54% | 2 | 5% | 41,658 | 56% |
| Black | 1,609 | 12% | 1,024 | 9% | 885 | 7% | 1,538 | 15% | 2,121 | 14% | 5,020 | 48% | 73 | 27% | 33 | 83% | 12,303 | 17% |
| Asian | 64 | * | 164 | 1% | 947 | 7% | 217 | 2% | 146 | 1% | 201 | 2% | 5 | 2% | --- | --- | 1,744 | 2% |
| Native American | 31 | * | 22 | * | 22 | * | 4 | * | 37 | * | 28 | * | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 146 | * |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 33 | * | 4 | * | 5 | * | 7 | * | 6 | * | 11 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | 67 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 259 | 2% | 208 | 2% | 296 | 2% | 205 | 2% | 315 | 2% | 132 | 1% | 9 | 3% | --- | --- | 1,424 | 2% |
| Unspecified | 4,087 | 30% | 2,488 | 22% | 3,445 | 26% | 1,640 | 16% | 2,922 | 19% | 2,565 | 25% | 34 | 13% | 5 | 13% | 17,186 | 23% |
| Total | 13,731 | 100% | 11,278 | 100% | 13,025 | 100% | 10,423 | 100% | 15,332 | 100% | 10,431 | 100% | 268 | 100% | 40 | 100% | 74,528 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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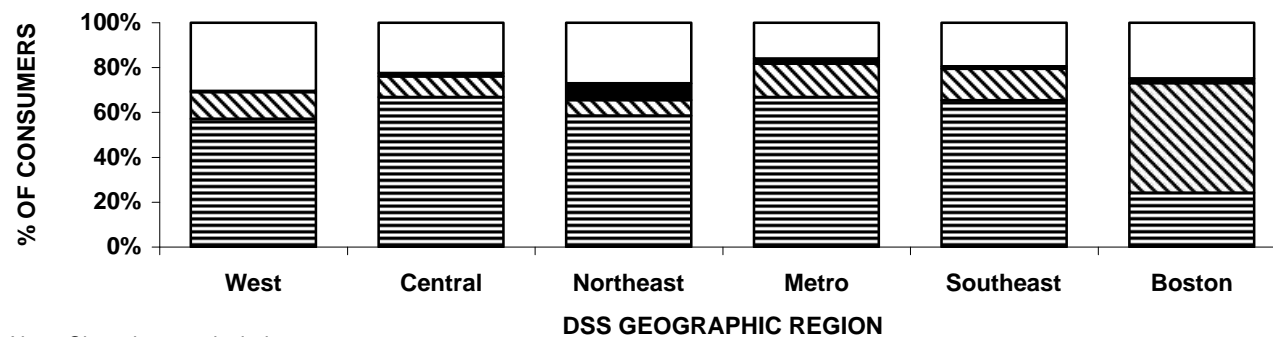
TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Origin ⁽¹⁾ | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 4,186 | 30% | 2,558 | 23% | 4,012 | 31% | 1,290 | 12% | 1,550 | 10% | 2,798 | 27% | 70 | 26% | 1 | 3% | 16,465 | 22% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino | 6,576 | 48% | 6,635 | 59% | 7,069 | 54% | 6,760 | 65% | 10,176 | 66% | 5,833 | 56% | 192 | 72% | 39 | 98% | 43,280 | 58% |
| Unspecified | 2,969 | 22% | 2,085 | 18% | 1,944 | 15% | 2,373 | 23% | 3,606 | 24% | 1,800 | 17% | 6 | 2% | --- | --- | 14,783 | 20% |
| Total | 13,731 | 100% | 11,278 | 100% | 13,025 | 100% | 10,423 | 100% | 15,332 | 100% | 10,431 | 100% | 268 | 100% | 40 | 100% | 74,528 | 100% |

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

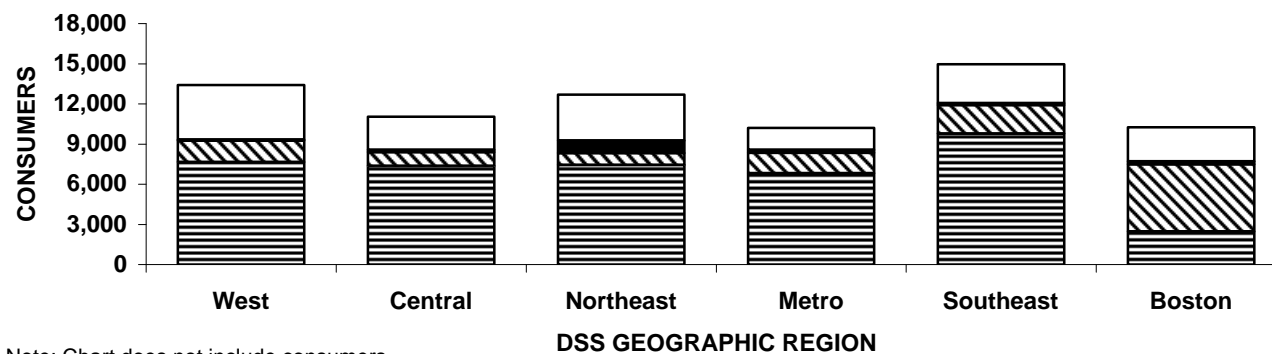
**Figure 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'04, 3RD QUARTER)**



Note: Chart does not include consumers categorized as Native American, Multi-Racial and Other.

White Black Asian Unspecified

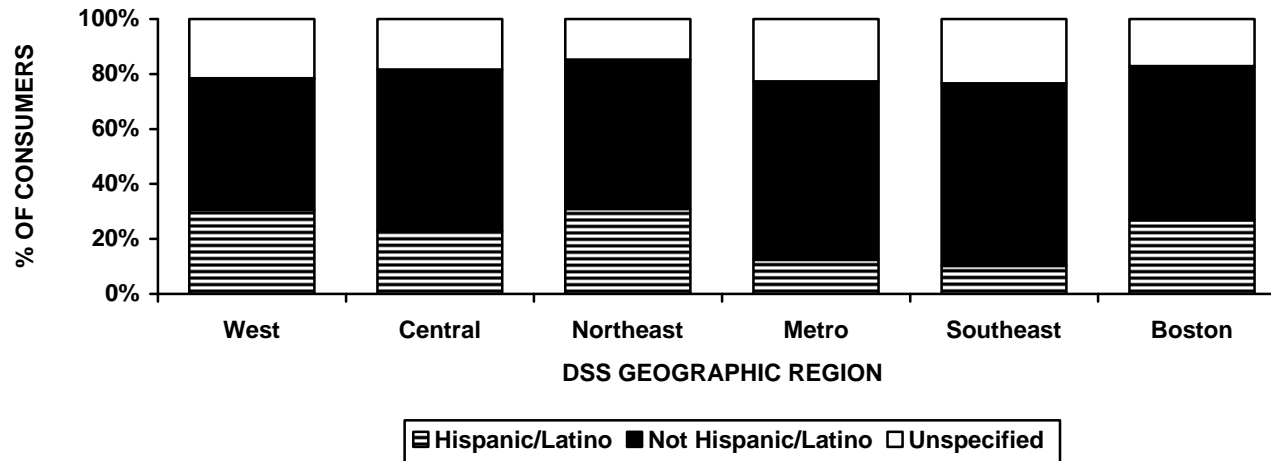
**Figure 6B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'04, 3RD QUARTER)**



Note: Chart does not include consumers categorized as Native American, Multi-Racial and Other.

White Black Asian Unspecified

**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**

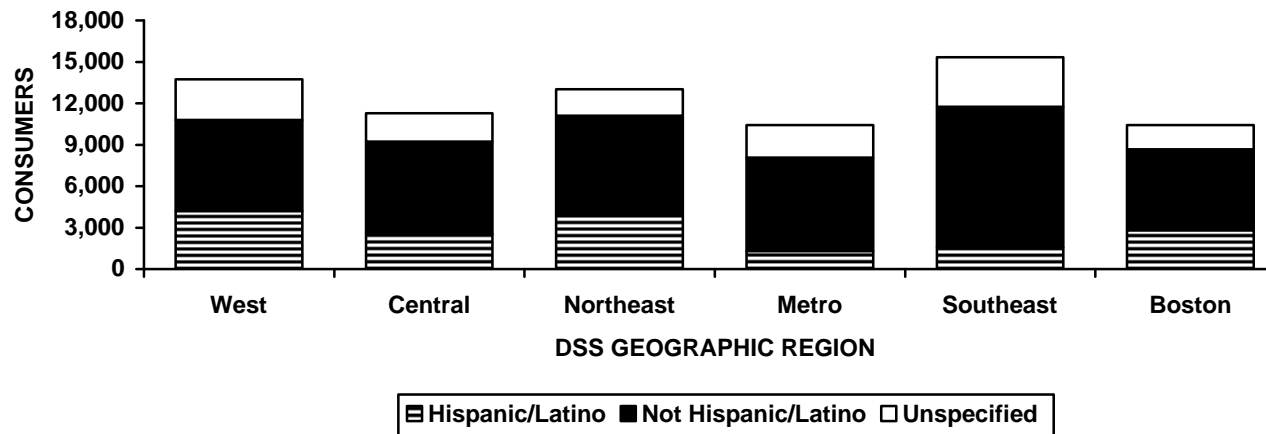


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Primary Language | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | No. | % | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | | | |
| Spanish | 1,130 | 8% | 461 | 4% | 1,138 | 9% | 307 | 3% | 299 | 2% | 887 | 9% | 19 | 7% | --- | --- | 4,241 | 6% |
| Khmer (Cambodian) | 2 | * | 4 | * | 348 | 3% | 1 | * | 61 | * | 27 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 443 | 1% |
| Portuguese | 3 | * | 6 | * | 35 | * | 86 | 1% | 114 | 1% | 30 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 274 | * |
| Haitian Creole | 3 | * | 3 | * | 8 | * | 134 | 1% | 23 | * | 79 | 1% | 1 | * | --- | --- | 251 | * |
| Cape Verdean Creole | 2 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | * | 59 | * | 60 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 128 | * |
| Vietnamese | 10 | * | 34 | * | 26 | * | 15 | * | --- | --- | 38 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 123 | * |
| Chinese | 3 | * | 3 | * | --- | --- | 21 | * | --- | --- | 16 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 43 | * |
| Lao | 1 | * | 3 | * | 16 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 20 | * |
| American Sign Language | 3 | * | 1 | * | 6 | * | 8 | * | 7 | * | 8 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 33 | * |
| Other | 473 | 3% | 289 | 3% | 239 | 2% | 280 | 3% | 405 | 3% | 232 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 32 | 80% | 1,952 | 3% |
| English/Unspecified | 12,101 | 88% | 10,474 | 93% | 11,209 | 86% | 9,564 | 92% | 14,364 | 94% | 9,054 | 87% | 246 | 92% | 8 | 20% | 67,020 | 90% |
| Total | 13,731 | 100% | 11,278 | 100% | 13,025 | 100% | 10,423 | 100% | 15,332 | 100% | 10,431 | 100% | 268 | 100% | 40 | 100% | 74,528 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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Profile of Consumers in Placement¹

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 8,031 consumers in foster care and 2,660 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- Over the past four quarters, the foster care population stabilized while the residential care population increased slightly (7% or 177 children statewide). **(Figs. 9 and 10)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (32-41% range across regions). Among regions, the West and Southeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 677 and 606, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 68% to 81% across the regions. The Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 414, 391, and 376, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations² were primarily adolescents (78-89% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,696 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 6,335 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (93% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was predominately unrestricted (41%), followed by kinship (33%), child specific (13%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (6%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

¹ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 years or older.

² Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and Southeast. The Northeast had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Metro as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major residential programs were Commonworks¹ (1,283 consumers), residential treatment (829 consumers), and group homes (467 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in Commonworks. Central had the greatest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The Southeast had the greatest number of consumers in Commonworks. Metro had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern and Metro Regions had the most consumers in residential treatment. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in Residential Treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities² while the leading Group Home models were Regular³ and Bridge⁴ homes. The major types of sub-referrals under Commonworks were Chapter 766 and Regular homes. **(Tables 5C and 5D)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant growth in the regional foster and residential care populations. **(Figs. 9 and 10)**

¹ Commonworks is a community-based program that provides residential placement services, therapeutic foster care, and family support services to adolescents and their families.

² Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

³ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

⁴ Bridge Homes are small group home settings serving 6 to 10 infants and children up to 12 years old as well as sibling groups. Foster home or house parents supervise the home.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 3% were multi-racial. Race was unknown for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A).**
- The Western Region had the highest number and proportion of consumers with race unspecified (498 and 21%). **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,803 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 44% in both the West and Central to 52% in Boston. **(Table 6B)**
- The Metro and Southeastern Regions had the highest numbers of young adults (18 years or older) in placement. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (26%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 44% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 35% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**

¹ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous¹ care for more than two years (48%, 45%, and 45%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (41%). The Southeast had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (892). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for more Black consumers (24%) to be in care for more than four years as compared to White consumers (19%) and consumers of Hispanic origin (22%). The proportions of White, Black, and Hispanic consumers were not noticeably different for the shorter lengths of stay. **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004 ("snapshot" on 3/31/04), the median² time in continuous care was 1.5 years and median age was 12.2 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 12 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (see table below).

| All Children in Placement³ | | | |
|--|------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Date | Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
| 7/92 | 9.2 | 1.5 | 12,311 |
| 7/93 | 9.3 | 1.6 | 12,577 |
| 7/94 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 12,977 |
| 7/95 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 13,056 |
| 7/96 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 12,643 |
| 7/97 | 10.2 | 1.4 | 11,957 |
| 9/98* | 10.5 | 1.4 | 10,872 |
| 6/99* | 11.0 | 1.2 | 10,134 |
| 6/00* | 11.2 | 1.5 | 9,676 |
| 6/01* | 11.5 | 1.4 | 9,955 |
| 6/02 | 11.9 | 1.5 | 10,033 |
| 6/03 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 10,233 |
| 9/03 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 10,106 |
| 12/03 | 12.3 | 1.5 | 10,162 |
| 3/04 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 10,200 |

* = revised statistics

¹ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2004). In DSS Quarterly Reports prior to the 4th Quarter of FY'94, the time (non-continuous) from the child's first placement entry to the program run-date was used.

² Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

³ Children are less than 18 years old.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,898 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,743 (60%) were White, 505 (17%) were Black, 30 (1%) were Asian, 140 (5%) were multi-racial, and 16% were an unspecified race. Thirty percent (865) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,898 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 21% age 0-2 years, 26% age 3-5 years, 40% age 6-11 years, and 12% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D, Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-eight percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (see table on next page)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 28%. (see table on next page)

¹ Children are less than 18 years old.

| Date | Children in Placement | Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption | % of Children with a Goal of Adoption |
|-------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 7/91 | 12,397 | 3,541 | 29% |
| 7/92 | 12,311 | 4,116 | 33% |
| 7/93 | 12,577 | 4,244 | 34% |
| 7/94 | 12,977 | 4,522 | 35% |
| 7/95 | 13,056 | 4,352 | 33% |
| 7/96 | 12,463 | 4,251 | 34% |
| 7/97 | 11,957 | 3,673 | 31% |
| 1/98 | 11,170 | 3,489 | 31% |
| 9/98 | 10,872 | NA | NA |
| 6/99 | 10,134 | 3,118 | 31% |
| 6/00 | 9,676 | 3,089 | 32% |
| 6/01 | 9,955 | 2,859 | 29% |
| 6/02 | 10,033 | 2,844 | 28% |
| 6/03 | 10,233 | 2,866 | 28% |
| 9/03 | 10,106 | 2,824 | 28% |
| 12/03 | 10,162 | 2,844 | 28% |
| 3/04 | 10,200 | 2,898 | 28% |

Notes: Children are less than 18 years old.

Counts of children in placement have been updated for the years 6/99 – 6/01.

- Of the 2,898 “waiting” children in placement with a goal of adoption, 37% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B**)
- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (63%), 61% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (51%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western Region had the highest proportion (82%) of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12C**)

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| | | Placement Location of Consumers | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------------|
| DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Foster Care | | Residential Care | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Total No. |
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | | 1,914 | | 300 | | 122 | | 2,336 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 298 | 16% | 2 | 1% | 3 | 2% | 303 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 280 | 15% | 2 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 283 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 532 | 28% | 33 | 11% | 14 | 11% | 579 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 677 | 35% | 244 | 81% | 99 | 81% | 1,020 |
| | 18 or older | 127 | 7% | 19 | 6% | 5 | 4% | 151 |
| Central | | 1,183 | | 348 | | 55 | | 1,586 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 175 | 15% | 1 | * | 4 | 7% | 180 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 198 | 17% | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 201 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 366 | 31% | 45 | 13% | 4 | 7% | 415 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 382 | 32% | 267 | 77% | 44 | 80% | 693 |
| | 18 or older | 62 | 5% | 32 | 9% | 3 | 5% | 97 |
| Northeast | | 1,260 | | 512 | | 106 | | 1,878 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 162 | 13% | 1 | * | 3 | 3% | 166 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 175 | 14% | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 177 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 321 | 25% | 73 | 14% | 5 | 5% | 399 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 490 | 39% | 376 | 73% | 94 | 89% | 960 |
| | 18 or older | 112 | 9% | 61 | 12% | 3 | 3% | 176 |
| Metro | | 829 | | 568 | | 40 | | 1,437 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 127 | 15% | 2 | * | --- | --- | 129 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 121 | 15% | 5 | 1% | --- | --- | 126 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 171 | 21% | 75 | 13% | 6 | 15% | 252 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 301 | 36% | 414 | 73% | 31 | 78% | 746 |
| | 18 or older | 109 | 13% | 72 | 13% | 3 | 8% | 184 |
| Southeast | | 1,684 | | 519 | | 84 | | 2,287 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 283 | 17% | --- | --- | 4 | 5% | 287 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 264 | 16% | 5 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 271 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 414 | 25% | 64 | 12% | 4 | 5% | 482 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 606 | 36% | 391 | 75% | 67 | 80% | 1,064 |
| | 18 or older | 117 | 7% | 59 | 11% | 7 | 8% | 183 |
| Boston | | 876 | | 410 | | 99 | | 1,385 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 158 | 18% | --- | --- | 4 | 4% | 162 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 95 | 11% | 1 | * | --- | --- | 96 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 170 | 19% | 56 | 14% | 1 | 1% | 227 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 359 | 41% | 278 | 68% | 86 | 87% | 723 |
| | 18 or older | 94 | 11% | 75 | 18% | 8 | 8% | 177 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | 249 | | 3 | | 1 | | 253 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 36 | 14% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 36 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 65 | 26% | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 66 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 109 | 44% | 3 | 100% | --- | --- | 112 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 39 | 16% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 39 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | | 36 | | --- | | --- | | 36 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 6 | 17% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 |
| | 18 or older | 30 | 83% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 30 |
| Total | | 8,031 | | 2,660 | | 507 | | 11,198 |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | | Foster Care | | | | | | | | | | | | Foster Care Total |
|--|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | Contracted Foster Care | | | | | | Departmental Foster Care | | | | | | |
| | | Diagnostic | Emergency Shelter | Enhanced Therapeutic | Family Residence | Independent Living | Other | Therapeutic | Child Specific | Independent Living | Kinship | Pre-Adoptive | Unrestricted | |
| Western | | 6 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 14 | --- | 337 | 203 | 60 | 463 | 127 | 682 | 1,914 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 17 | --- | 84 | 56 | 134 | 298 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 12 | 26 | --- | 104 | 28 | 109 | 280 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 101 | 62 | --- | 135 | 35 | 196 | 532 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 6 | 7 | 1 | 8 | --- | --- | 198 | 90 | 6 | 129 | 8 | 224 | 677 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 14 | --- | 20 | 8 | 54 | 11 | --- | 19 | 127 |
| Central | | --- | 5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 216 | 133 | 28 | 314 | 104 | 383 | 1,183 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 5 | 11 | --- | 55 | 29 | 75 | 175 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 | 15 | --- | 66 | 27 | 79 | 198 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 68 | 45 | --- | 101 | 41 | 111 | 366 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | 5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 120 | 55 | 1 | 87 | 6 | 108 | 382 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 12 | 7 | 27 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 62 |
| Northeast | | 2 | 5 | --- | 5 | --- | 7 | 335 | 91 | 77 | 338 | 51 | 349 | 1,260 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 16 | 9 | --- | 47 | 10 | 75 | 162 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 5 | 22 | 18 | --- | 55 | 14 | 60 | 175 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 86 | 22 | --- | 110 | 23 | 79 | 321 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 2 | 2 | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 194 | 39 | 2 | 119 | 4 | 125 | 490 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 17 | 3 | 75 | 7 | --- | 10 | 112 |
| Metro | | --- | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | --- | 186 | 83 | 59 | 222 | 32 | 229 | 829 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 10 | --- | 35 | 9 | 64 | 127 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 13 | 10 | --- | 50 | 13 | 34 | 121 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 36 | 13 | --- | 61 | 7 | 53 | 171 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | 3 | 1 | 6 | --- | --- | 116 | 39 | 2 | 64 | 3 | 67 | 301 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | 15 | 11 | 57 | 12 | --- | 11 | 109 |
| Southeast | | --- | 6 | --- | 7 | --- | --- | 265 | 174 | 67 | 486 | 73 | 606 | 1,684 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 18 | --- | 81 | 25 | 156 | 283 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 17 | 19 | --- | 92 | 32 | 103 | 264 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 66 | 34 | --- | 138 | 13 | 159 | 414 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | 4 | --- | 4 | --- | --- | 162 | 87 | 3 | 168 | 3 | 175 | 606 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 17 | 16 | 64 | 7 | --- | 13 | 117 |
| Boston | | --- | 16 | 3 | 5 | --- | --- | 202 | 91 | 55 | 205 | 45 | 254 | 876 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 14 | 21 | --- | 43 | 23 | 55 | 158 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 16 | 7 | --- | 31 | 8 | 30 | 95 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 50 | 21 | --- | 44 | 10 | 43 | 170 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | 13 | 1 | 3 | --- | --- | 111 | 39 | 1 | 82 | 4 | 105 | 359 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 | 3 | 54 | 5 | --- | 21 | 94 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 34 | 29 | --- | 35 | 66 | 85 | 249 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 8 | --- | 4 | 5 | 18 | 36 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | 3 | --- | 15 | 18 | 22 | 65 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 20 | 11 | --- | 12 | 32 | 34 | 109 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 7 | --- | 4 | 11 | 11 | 39 |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 | --- | --- | 27 | 36 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 6 |
| | 18 or older | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 | --- | --- | 21 | 30 |
| Total | | 8 | 48 | 7 | 35 | 16 | 7 | 1,575 | 804 | 355 | 2,063 | 498 | 2,615 | 8,031 |

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS | | Residential Care | | | | | | | | | | | | Residential Care Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Geographic | | Commonworks | Group Home | | | | | | Residential Treatment | | | | Shelter | |
| Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | | Bridge Home | Independent Living | Other ⁽²⁾ | Regular | Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting | Transitional Living | Ch. 766 | Diagnostic | Non-766 | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Western | | 186 | 23 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 4 | --- | 41 | 7 | --- | 7 | 13 | 300 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 4 | 9 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 16 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 33 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 175 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | --- | 19 | 6 | --- | 6 | 13 | 244 |
| | 18 or older | 7 | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | 2 | --- | 6 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 19 |
| Central | | 135 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 67 | 2 | --- | 80 | 13 | --- | 15 | 10 | 348 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | 6 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 24 | 1 | --- | 9 | 1 | 45 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 114 | 6 | 7 | --- | 58 | 2 | --- | 54 | 12 | --- | 5 | 9 | 267 |
| | 18 or older | 20 | --- | 4 | 1 | 4 | --- | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 32 |
| Northeast | | 233 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 32 | --- | --- | 155 | 51 | --- | 14 | 4 | 512 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 13 | 5 | --- | --- | 10 | --- | --- | 39 | 1 | --- | 5 | --- | 73 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 189 | 4 | 4 | --- | 21 | --- | --- | 99 | 49 | --- | 6 | 4 | 376 |
| | 18 or older | 30 | --- | 8 | 2 | 1 | --- | --- | 17 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | 61 |
| Metro | | 238 | 14 | 15 | 7 | 62 | 2 | 3 | 142 | 36 | 8 | 25 | 16 | 568 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 5 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 8 | 7 | --- | --- | 5 | --- | --- | 45 | 3 | --- | 7 | --- | 75 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 185 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 54 | 2 | 3 | 82 | 31 | 8 | 17 | 16 | 414 |
| | 18 or older | 45 | --- | 8 | 2 | 3 | --- | --- | 13 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 72 |
| Southeast | | 292 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 47 | 6 | 1 | 82 | 34 | 1 | 16 | 25 | 519 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 5 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | 5 | --- | --- | 13 | --- | --- | 33 | 5 | --- | 7 | --- | 64 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 249 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 5 | --- | 40 | 27 | 1 | 8 | 24 | 391 |
| | 18 or older | 42 | --- | --- | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | 59 |
| Boston | | 199 | 22 | 11 | 2 | 54 | 7 | --- | 91 | 7 | --- | 4 | 13 | 410 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 4 | 11 | --- | --- | 14 | --- | --- | 26 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 56 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 161 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 33 | 4 | --- | 46 | 5 | --- | 3 | 13 | 278 |
| | 18 or older | 34 | --- | 10 | --- | 7 | 3 | --- | 19 | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | 75 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| Total | | 1,283 | 95 | 59 | 18 | 270 | 21 | 4 | 591 | 148 | 9 | 81 | 81 | 2,660 |

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

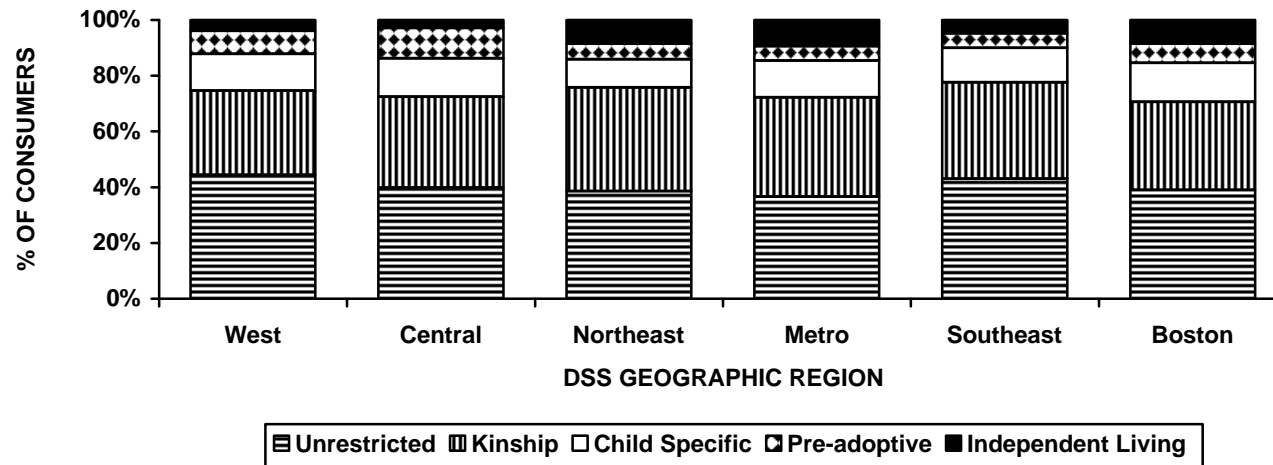
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TABLE 5D. CONSUMERS IN COMMONWORKS (SUB-REFERRALS): AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

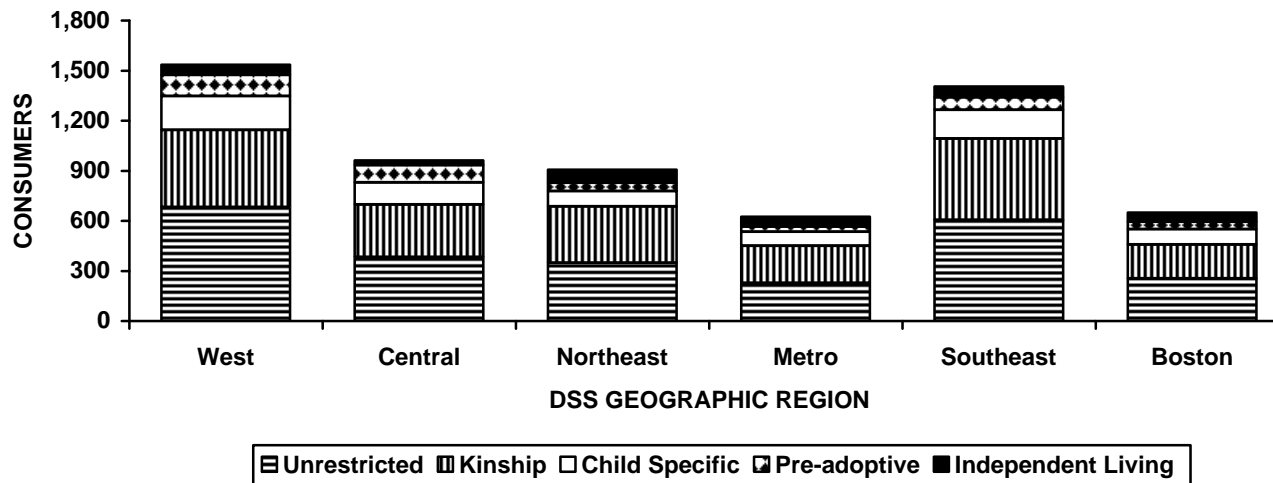
| DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Commonworks | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|--|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Ch. 766 | Diagnostic | Emergency Shelter | Independent Living | Non-766 | Other | Regular | Services | Shelter | Therapeutic | Unspecified | |
| Western | | 38 | --- | --- | 4 | 94 | 2 | 18 | --- | 2 | 26 | 2 | 186 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 36 | --- | --- | 2 | 91 | 2 | 15 | --- | 2 | 25 | 2 | 175 |
| | 18 or older | | --- | --- | 2 | 1 | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 7 |
| Central | | 47 | 3 | --- | 4 | 22 | --- | 44 | --- | 1 | 13 | 1 | 135 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 38 | 2 | --- | 2 | 20 | --- | 40 | --- | 1 | 10 | 1 | 114 |
| | 18 or older | 8 | 1 | --- | 2 | 2 | --- | 4 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | 20 |
| Northeast | | 107 | --- | --- | 23 | 30 | --- | 50 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 233 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 12 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 91 | --- | --- | 11 | 27 | --- | 41 | --- | 5 | 11 | 3 | 189 |
| | 18 or older | 4 | --- | --- | 12 | 2 | --- | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | --- | 30 |
| Metro | | 107 | --- | --- | 37 | 12 | --- | 59 | --- | 9 | 12 | 2 | 238 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 6 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 8 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 98 | --- | --- | 10 | 10 | --- | 49 | --- | 9 | 8 | 1 | 185 |
| | 18 or older | 3 | --- | --- | 27 | 1 | --- | 10 | --- | --- | 3 | 1 | 45 |
| Southeast | | 147 | 7 | --- | 10 | 3 | --- | 72 | --- | 17 | 35 | 1 | 292 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 127 | 7 | --- | 5 | 3 | --- | 69 | --- | 15 | 22 | 1 | 249 |
| | 18 or older | 19 | --- | --- | 5 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | 2 | 13 | --- | 42 |
| Boston | | 88 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 11 | 2 | 48 | --- | 4 | 17 | 4 | 199 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 4 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 79 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 41 | --- | 4 | 14 | 4 | 161 |
| | 18 or older | 7 | --- | --- | 19 | --- | --- | 6 | --- | --- | 2 | --- | 34 |
| Total | | 534 | 11 | 1 | 101 | 172 | 4 | 291 | 1 | 39 | 116 | 13 | 1,283 |

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

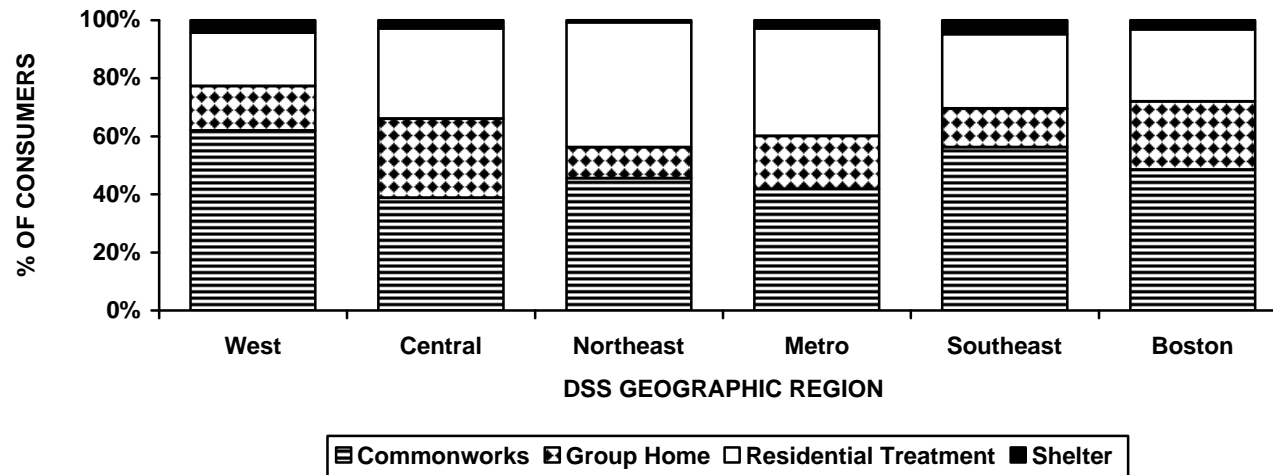
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



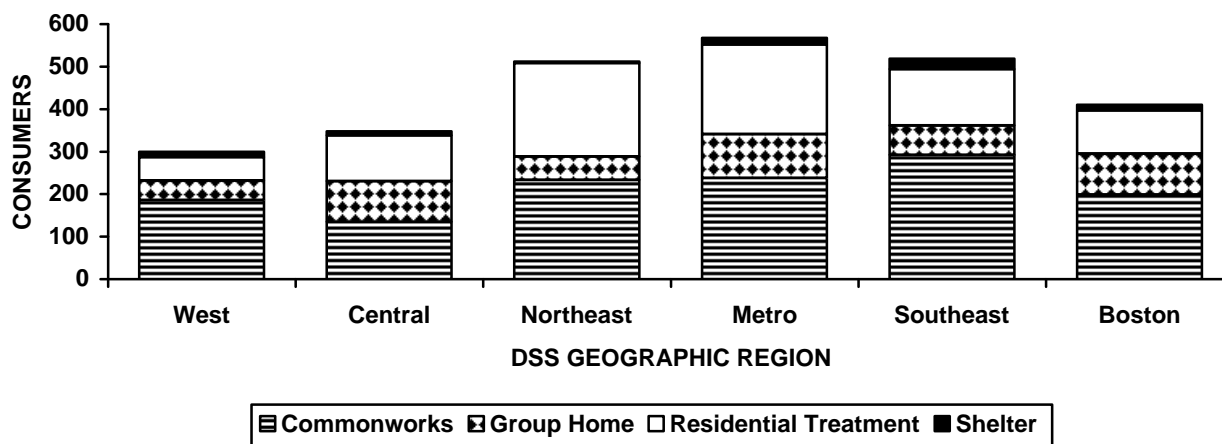
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



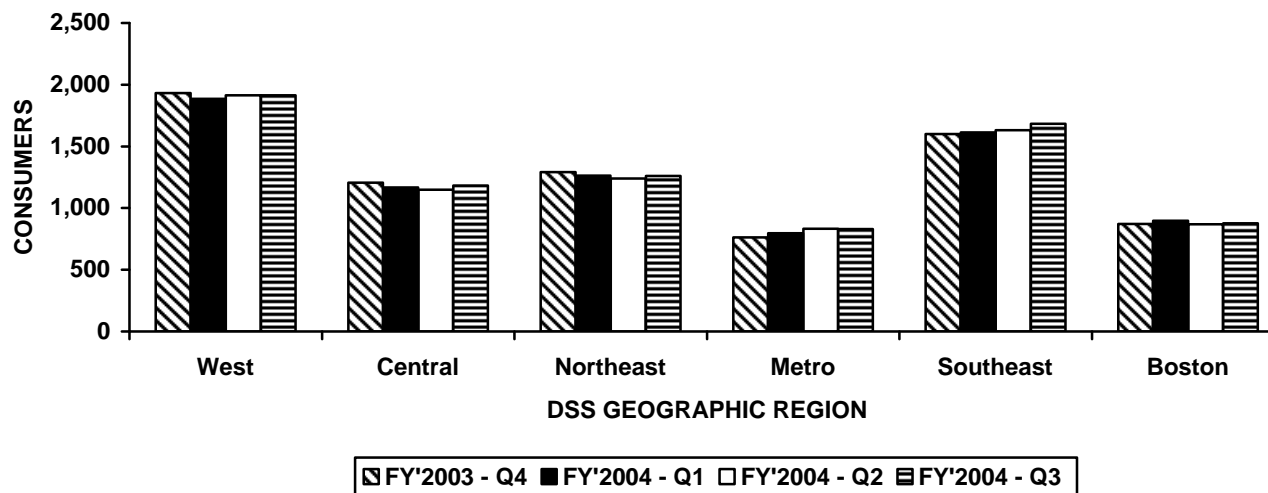
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**

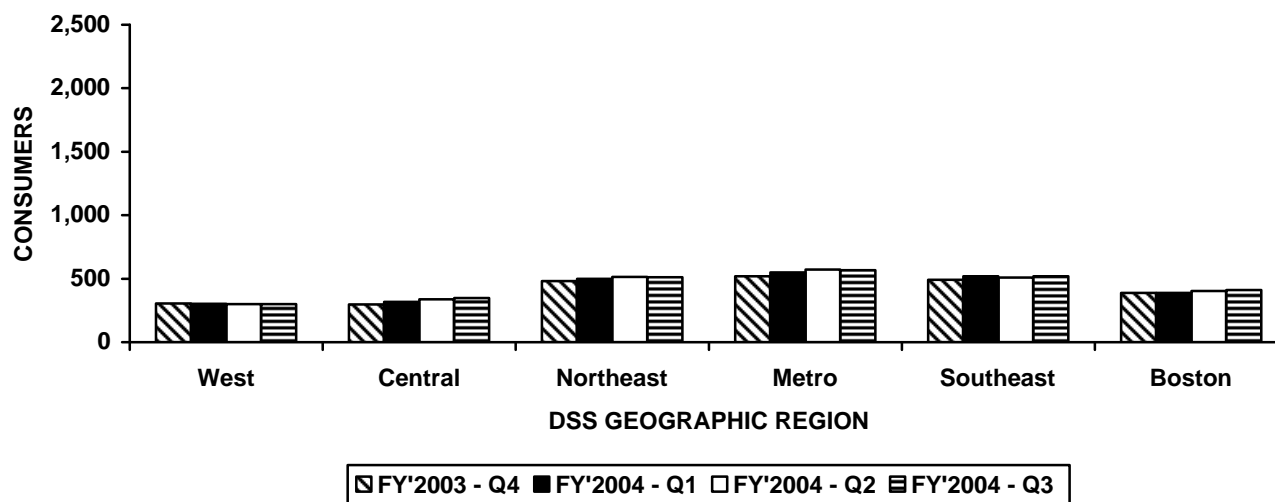


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Characteristics | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------|------|
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Sex: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 1,105 | 47% | 772 | 49% | 904 | 48% | 694 | 48% | 1,124 | 49% | 685 | 49% | 122 | 48% | 4 | 11% | 5,410 | 48% |
| Male | 1,231 | 53% | 814 | 51% | 974 | 52% | 743 | 52% | 1,163 | 51% | 700 | 51% | 131 | 52% | 32 | 89% | 5,788 | 52% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |
| Race: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 1,375 | 59% | 1,143 | 72% | 1,172 | 62% | 1,002 | 70% | 1,567 | 69% | 378 | 27% | 135 | 53% | --- | --- | 6,772 | 60% |
| Black | 369 | 16% | 190 | 12% | 186 | 10% | 247 | 17% | 390 | 17% | 745 | 54% | 70 | 28% | 31 | 86% | 2,228 | 20% |
| Asian | 2 | * | 8 | 1% | 122 | 6% | 23 | 2% | 15 | 1% | 17 | 1% | 5 | 2% | --- | --- | 192 | 2% |
| Native American | 5 | * | 3 | * | 6 | * | --- | --- | 4 | * | 8 | 1% | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 28 | * |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 4 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | 7 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 83 | 4% | 46 | 3% | 61 | 3% | 53 | 4% | 87 | 4% | 31 | 2% | 9 | 4% | --- | --- | 370 | 3% |
| Unspecified | 498 | 21% | 196 | 12% | 331 | 18% | 112 | 8% | 224 | 10% | 204 | 15% | 31 | 12% | 5 | 14% | 1,601 | 14% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |
| Hispanic/Latino Origin: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 868 | 37% | 433 | 27% | 622 | 33% | 179 | 12% | 304 | 13% | 330 | 24% | 66 | 26% | 1 | 3% | 2,803 | 25% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino | 1,353 | 58% | 1,085 | 68% | 1,219 | 65% | 1,194 | 83% | 1,855 | 81% | 993 | 72% | 181 | 72% | 35 | 97% | 7,915 | 71% |
| Unspecified | 115 | 5% | 68 | 4% | 37 | 2% | 64 | 4% | 128 | 6% | 62 | 4% | 6 | 2% | --- | --- | 480 | 4% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Characteristics | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Age: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (0 - 2 yrs) | 303 | 13% | 180 | 11% | 166 | 9% | 129 | 9% | 287 | 13% | 162 | 12% | 36 | 14% | --- | --- | 1,263 | 11% |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | 283 | 12% | 201 | 13% | 177 | 9% | 126 | 9% | 271 | 12% | 96 | 7% | 66 | 26% | --- | --- | 1,220 | 11% |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 579 | 25% | 415 | 26% | 399 | 21% | 252 | 18% | 482 | 21% | 227 | 16% | 112 | 44% | --- | --- | 2,466 | 22% |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 1,020 | 44% | 693 | 44% | 960 | 51% | 746 | 52% | 1,064 | 47% | 723 | 52% | 39 | 15% | 6 | 17% | 5,251 | 47% |
| 18 or older | 151 | 6% | 97 | 6% | 176 | 9% | 184 | 13% | 183 | 8% | 177 | 13% | --- | --- | 30 | 83% | 998 | 9% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |
| Service Plan Goals: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reunify Family | 580 | 25% | 509 | 32% | 604 | 32% | 521 | 36% | 843 | 37% | 372 | 27% | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 3,432 | 31% |
| Adoption | 688 | 29% | 484 | 31% | 392 | 21% | 253 | 18% | 556 | 24% | 281 | 20% | 244 | 96% | --- | --- | 2,898 | 26% |
| Living Independently | 354 | 15% | 190 | 12% | 352 | 19% | 299 | 21% | 325 | 14% | 307 | 22% | 2 | 1% | 36 | 100% | 1,865 | 17% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care | 397 | 17% | 174 | 11% | 306 | 16% | 176 | 12% | 258 | 11% | 218 | 16% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,529 | 14% |
| Guardianship | 124 | 5% | 118 | 7% | 79 | 4% | 66 | 5% | 129 | 6% | 58 | 4% | 4 | 2% | --- | --- | 578 | 5% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 113 | 5% | 72 | 5% | 66 | 4% | 70 | 5% | 89 | 4% | 78 | 6% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 488 | 4% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 42 | 2% | 26 | 2% | 53 | 3% | 35 | 2% | 80 | 3% | 53 | 4% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 289 | 3% |
| Unspecified | 38 | 2% | 13 | 1% | 26 | 1% | 17 | 1% | 7 | * | 18 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 119 | 1% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |
| Continuous Time in Care: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 yr or less) | 399 | 17% | 350 | 22% | 369 | 20% | 328 | 23% | 486 | 21% | 289 | 21% | 8 | 3% | --- | --- | 2,229 | 20% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 341 | 15% | 224 | 14% | 281 | 15% | 256 | 18% | 406 | 18% | 195 | 14% | 7 | 3% | 1 | 3% | 1,711 | 15% |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs) | 274 | 12% | 202 | 13% | 226 | 12% | 146 | 10% | 272 | 12% | 152 | 11% | 23 | 9% | --- | --- | 1,295 | 12% |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs) | 216 | 9% | 144 | 9% | 165 | 9% | 127 | 9% | 200 | 9% | 129 | 9% | 41 | 16% | 1 | 3% | 1,023 | 9% |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs) | 552 | 24% | 428 | 27% | 392 | 21% | 319 | 22% | 547 | 24% | 306 | 22% | 120 | 47% | 34 | 94% | 2,698 | 24% |
| > 4 yrs | 554 | 24% | 238 | 15% | 445 | 24% | 261 | 18% | 376 | 16% | 314 | 23% | 54 | 21% | --- | --- | 2,242 | 20% |
| Total | 2,336 | 100% | 1,586 | 100% | 1,878 | 100% | 1,437 | 100% | 2,287 | 100% | 1,385 | 100% | 253 | 100% | 36 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

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**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE, (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**

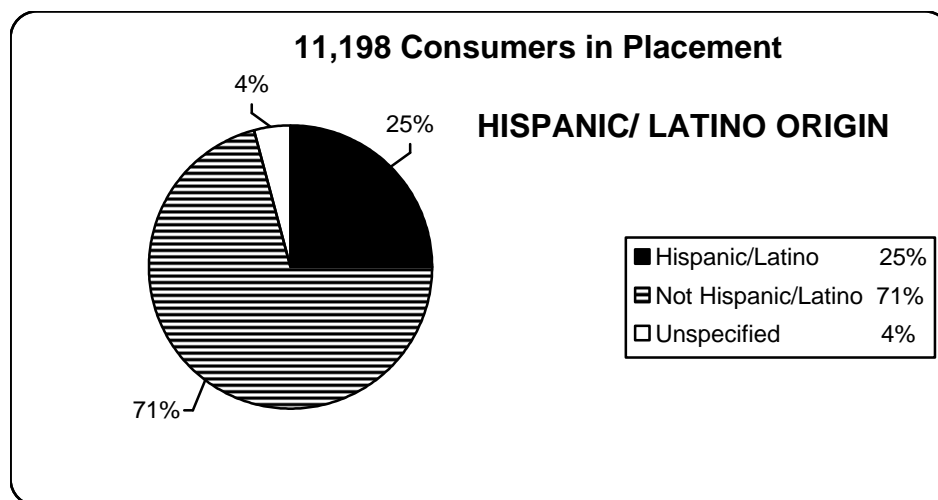
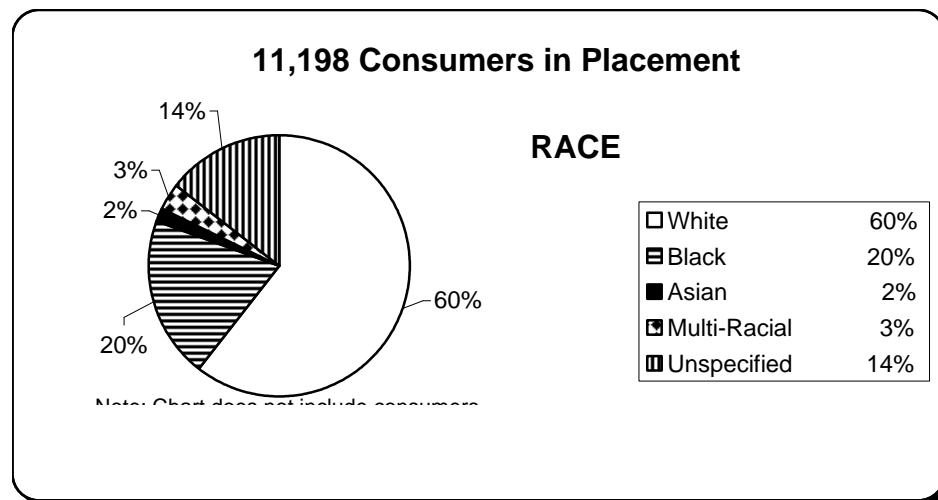
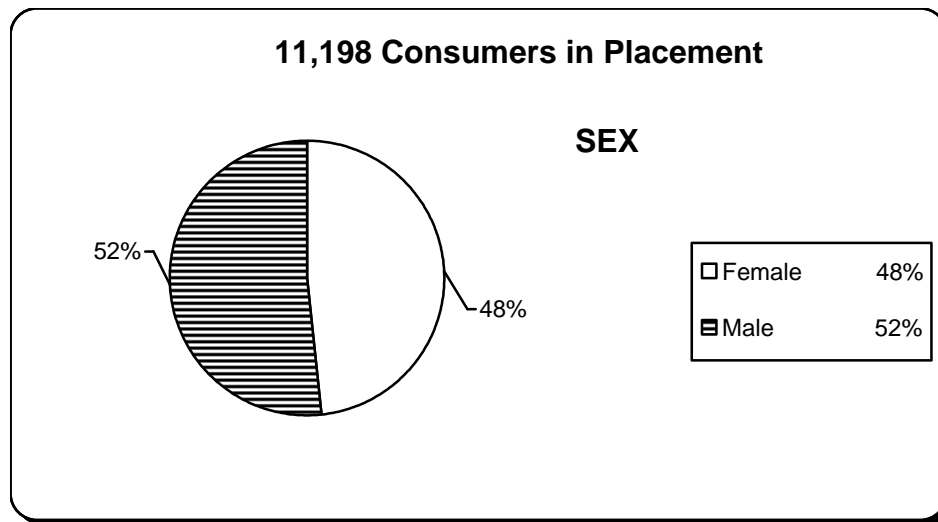


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT STATEWIDE. (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

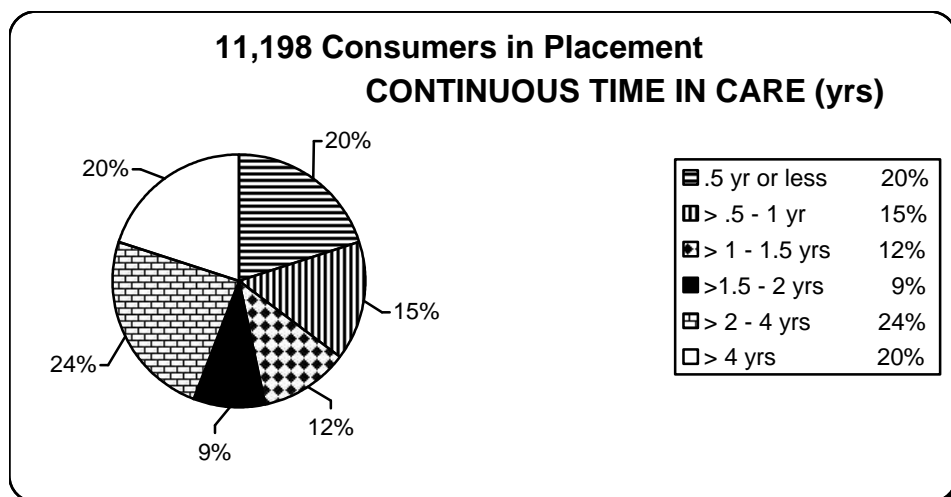
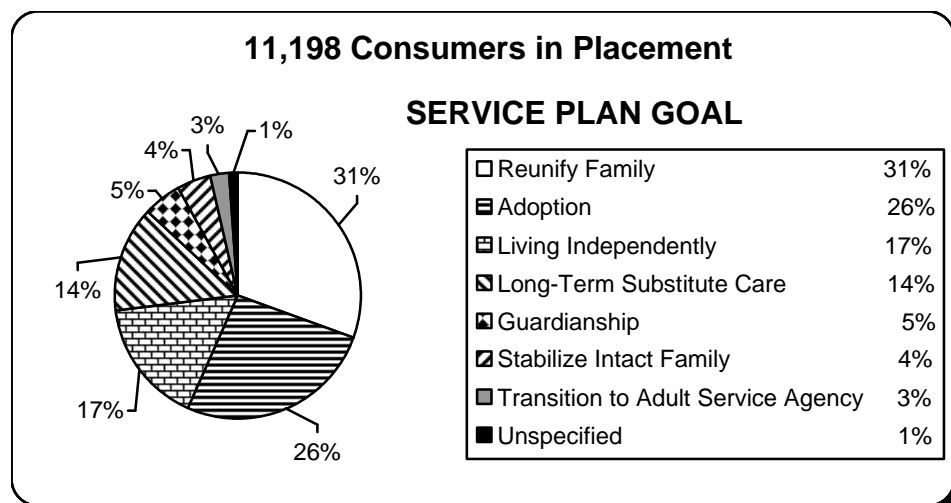
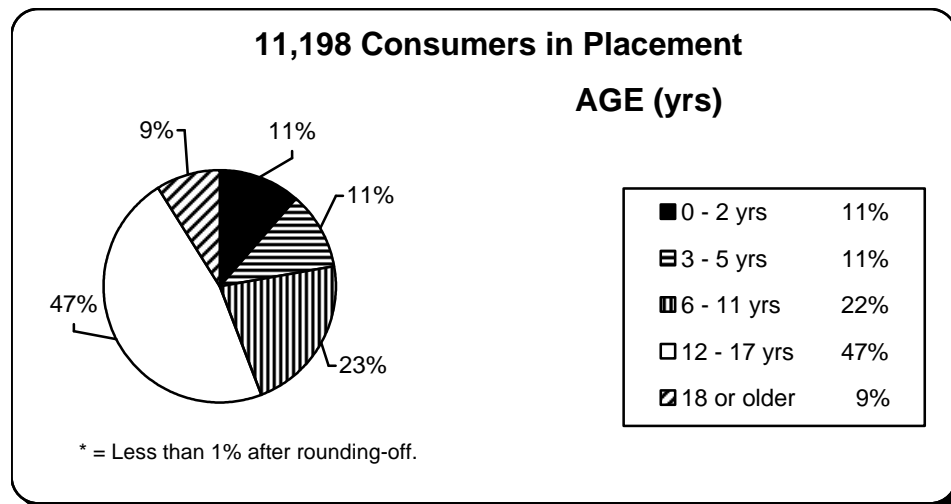


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Continuous Time in Care | Race of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|----------|------|----------------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|--------|------|
| | Native | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | White | | Black | | Asian | | American | | Other ⁽¹⁾ | | Multi-Racial | | Unspecified | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| (.5 yr or less) | 1,345 | 20% | 412 | 18% | 38 | 20% | 6 | 21% | 1 | 14% | 76 | 21% | 351 | 22% | 2,229 | 20% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 1,073 | 16% | 307 | 14% | 29 | 15% | 7 | 25% | --- | --- | 67 | 18% | 228 | 14% | 1,711 | 15% |
| (>1 - 1.5 yrs) | 801 | 12% | 227 | 10% | 26 | 14% | 2 | 7% | 1 | 14% | 39 | 11% | 199 | 12% | 1,295 | 12% |
| (>1.5 - 2 yrs) | 622 | 9% | 202 | 9% | 14 | 7% | --- | --- | 2 | 29% | 39 | 11% | 144 | 9% | 1,023 | 9% |
| (>2 - 4 yrs) | 1,625 | 24% | 535 | 24% | 50 | 26% | 5 | 18% | 2 | 29% | 93 | 25% | 388 | 24% | 2,698 | 24% |
| > 4 yrs | 1,306 | 19% | 545 | 24% | 35 | 18% | 8 | 29% | 1 | 14% | 56 | 15% | 291 | 18% | 2,242 | 20% |
| Total | 6,772 | 100% | 2,228 | 100% | 192 | 100% | 28 | 100% | 7 | 100% | 370 | 100% | 1,601 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Continuous Time in Care | Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers | | | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------|--|------|---------------|------|-------------|------|--------|------|
| | Hispanic/ | | Not Hispanic/ | | Unspecified | | | |
| | Latino | | Latino | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| (.5 yr or less) | 575 | 21% | 1,544 | 20% | 110 | 23% | 2,229 | 20% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 391 | 14% | 1,251 | 16% | 69 | 14% | 1,711 | 15% |
| (>1 - 1.5 yrs) | 303 | 11% | 925 | 12% | 67 | 14% | 1,295 | 12% |
| (>1.5 - 2 yrs) | 248 | 9% | 724 | 9% | 51 | 11% | 1,023 | 9% |
| (>2 - 4 yrs) | 682 | 24% | 1,904 | 24% | 112 | 23% | 2,698 | 24% |
| > 4 yrs | 604 | 22% | 1,567 | 20% | 71 | 15% | 2,242 | 20% |
| Total | 2,803 | 100% | 7,915 | 100% | 480 | 100% | 11,198 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

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TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Service Plan Goal | Race of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------|----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
| | White | | Black | | Asian | | Native American | | Other ⁽¹⁾ | | Multi-Racial | | Unspecified | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reunify Family | 2,128 | 62% | 618 | 18% | 72 | 2% | 10 | * | 1 | * | 104 | 3% | 499 | 15% | 3,432 | 100% |
| Adoption | 1,743 | 60% | 505 | 17% | 30 | 1% | 10 | * | 3 | * | 140 | 5% | 467 | 16% | 2,898 | 100% |
| Living Independently | 1,083 | 58% | 481 | 26% | 44 | 2% | 4 | * | --- | --- | 35 | 2% | 218 | 12% | 1,865 | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care | 903 | 59% | 348 | 23% | 25 | 2% | 3 | * | 2 | * | 45 | 3% | 203 | 13% | 1,529 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 368 | 64% | 96 | 17% | 12 | 2% | 1 | * | --- | --- | 22 | 4% | 79 | 14% | 578 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 287 | 59% | 102 | 21% | 6 | 1% | --- | --- | 1 | * | 13 | 3% | 79 | 16% | 488 | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 201 | 70% | 54 | 19% | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 5 | 2% | 26 | 9% | 289 | 100% |
| Unspecified | 59 | 50% | 24 | 20% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 5% | 30 | 25% | 119 | 100% |
| Total | 6,772 | 60% | 2,228 | 20% | 192 | 2% | 28 | * | 7 | * | 370 | 3% | 1,601 | 14% | 11,198 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Service Plan Goal | Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
| | Hispanic/ Latino | | Not Hispanic/ Latino | | Unspecified | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Reunify Family | 828 | 24% | 2,447 | 71% | 157 | 5% | 3,432 | 100% |
| Adoption | 865 | 30% | 1,894 | 65% | 139 | 5% | 2,898 | 100% |
| Living Independently | 363 | 19% | 1,445 | 77% | 57 | 3% | 1,865 | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care | 381 | 25% | 1,087 | 71% | 61 | 4% | 1,529 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 139 | 24% | 413 | 71% | 26 | 4% | 578 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 136 | 28% | 329 | 67% | 23 | 5% | 488 | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 54 | 19% | 231 | 80% | 4 | 1% | 289 | 100% |
| Unspecified | 37 | 31% | 69 | 58% | 13 | 11% | 119 | 100% |
| Total | 2,803 | 25% | 7,915 | 71% | 480 | 4% | 11,198 | 100% |

⁽²⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

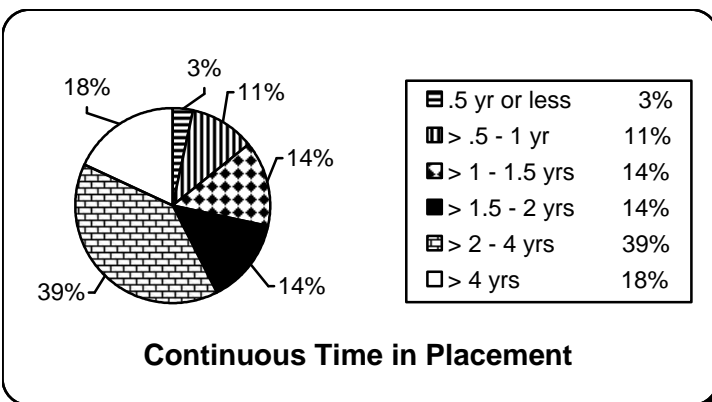
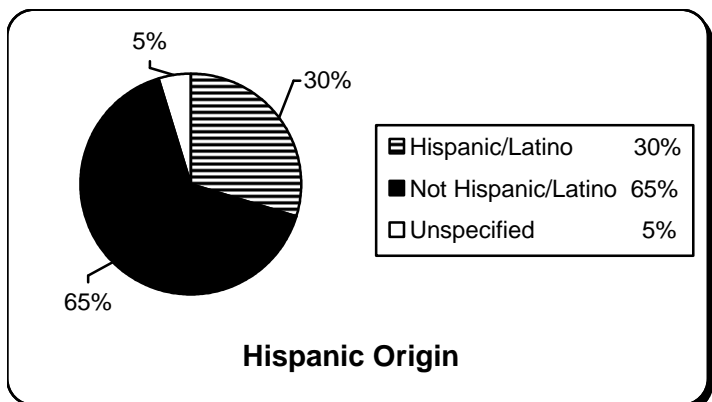
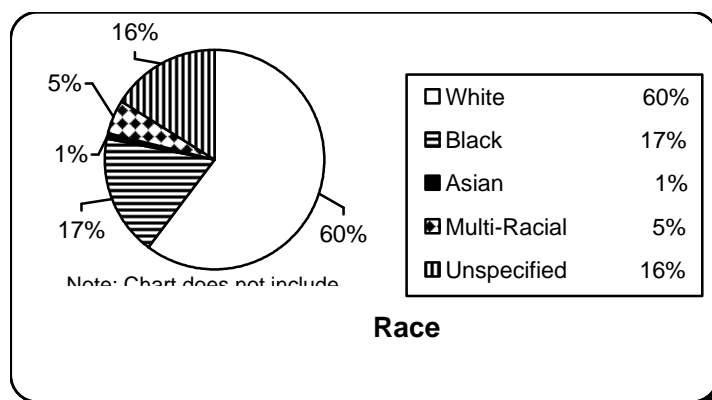
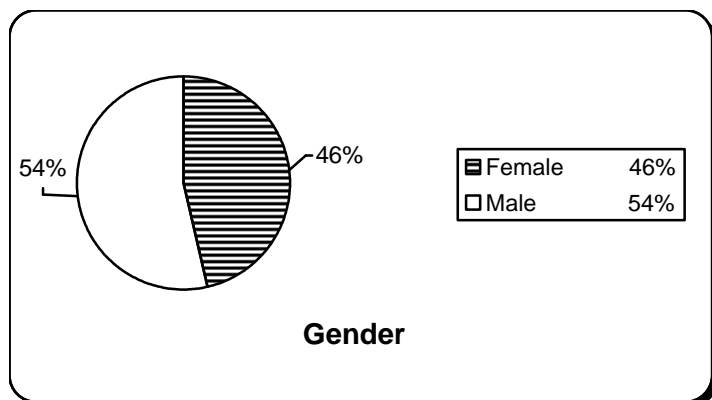
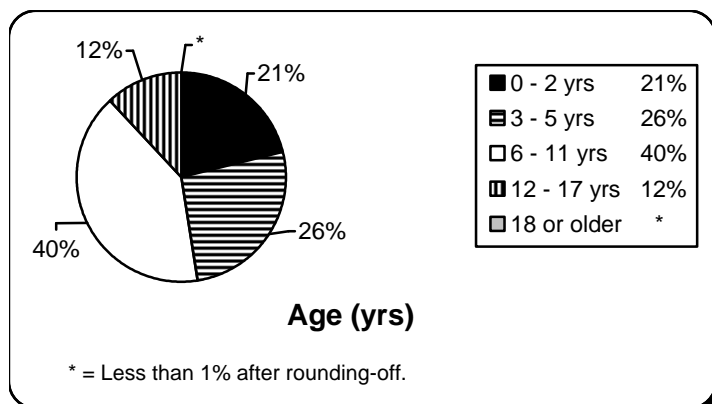
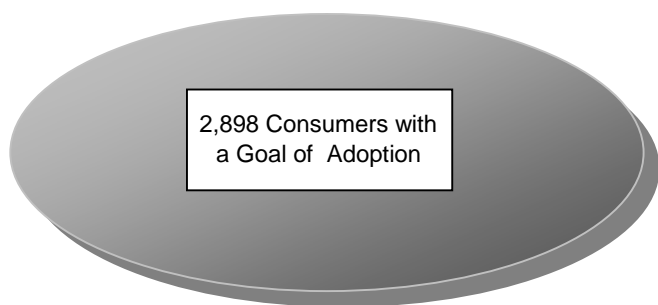
| Service Plan Goal | Age Group of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | | (3 - 5 yrs) | | (6 - 11 yrs) | | (12 - 17 yrs) | | 18 or older | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Reunify Family | 525 | 15% | 361 | 11% | 794 | 23% | 1,741 | 51% | 11 | * | 3,432 | 100% |
| Adoption | 614 | 21% | 764 | 26% | 1,173 | 40% | 343 | 12% | 4 | * | 2,898 | 100% |
| Living Independently | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,110 | 60% | 754 | 40% | 1,865 | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care | 1 | * | --- | --- | 205 | 13% | 1,280 | 84% | 43 | 3% | 1,529 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 18 | 3% | 49 | 8% | 194 | 34% | 313 | 54% | 4 | 1% | 578 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 57 | 12% | 37 | 8% | 83 | 17% | 295 | 60% | 16 | 3% | 488 | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | --- | --- | --- | --- | 8 | 3% | 115 | 40% | 166 | 57% | 289 | 100% |
| Unspecified | 47 | 39% | 9 | 8% | 9 | 8% | 54 | 45% | --- | --- | 119 | 100% |
| Total | 1,263 | 11% | 1,220 | 11% | 2,466 | 22% | 5,251 | 47% | 998 | 9% | 11,198 | 100% |

TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Service Plan Goal | Continuous Time in Placement | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|-----|--------|------|
| | (.5yr or less) | | (> .5 - 1 yr) | | (>1 - 1.5 yrs) | | (>1.5 - 2 yrs) | | (>2 - 4 yrs) | | > 4 yrs | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Reunify Family | 1,502 | 44% | 1,012 | 29% | 453 | 13% | 195 | 6% | 224 | 7% | 46 | 1% | 3,432 | 100% |
| Adoption | 97 | 3% | 313 | 11% | 410 | 14% | 414 | 14% | 1,141 | 39% | 523 | 18% | 2,898 | 100% |
| Living Independently | 83 | 4% | 157 | 8% | 171 | 9% | 157 | 8% | 606 | 32% | 691 | 37% | 1,865 | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care | 37 | 2% | 83 | 5% | 121 | 8% | 140 | 9% | 449 | 29% | 699 | 46% | 1,529 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 23 | 4% | 76 | 13% | 111 | 19% | 90 | 16% | 187 | 32% | 91 | 16% | 578 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 365 | 75% | 54 | 11% | 20 | 4% | 13 | 3% | 20 | 4% | 16 | 3% | 488 | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 5 | 2% | 14 | 5% | 9 | 3% | 14 | 5% | 71 | 25% | 176 | 61% | 289 | 100% |
| Unspecified | 117 | 98% | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 119 | 100% |
| Total | 2,229 | 20% | 1,711 | 15% | 1,295 | 12% | 1,023 | 9% | 2,698 | 24% | 2,242 | 20% | 11,198 | 100% |

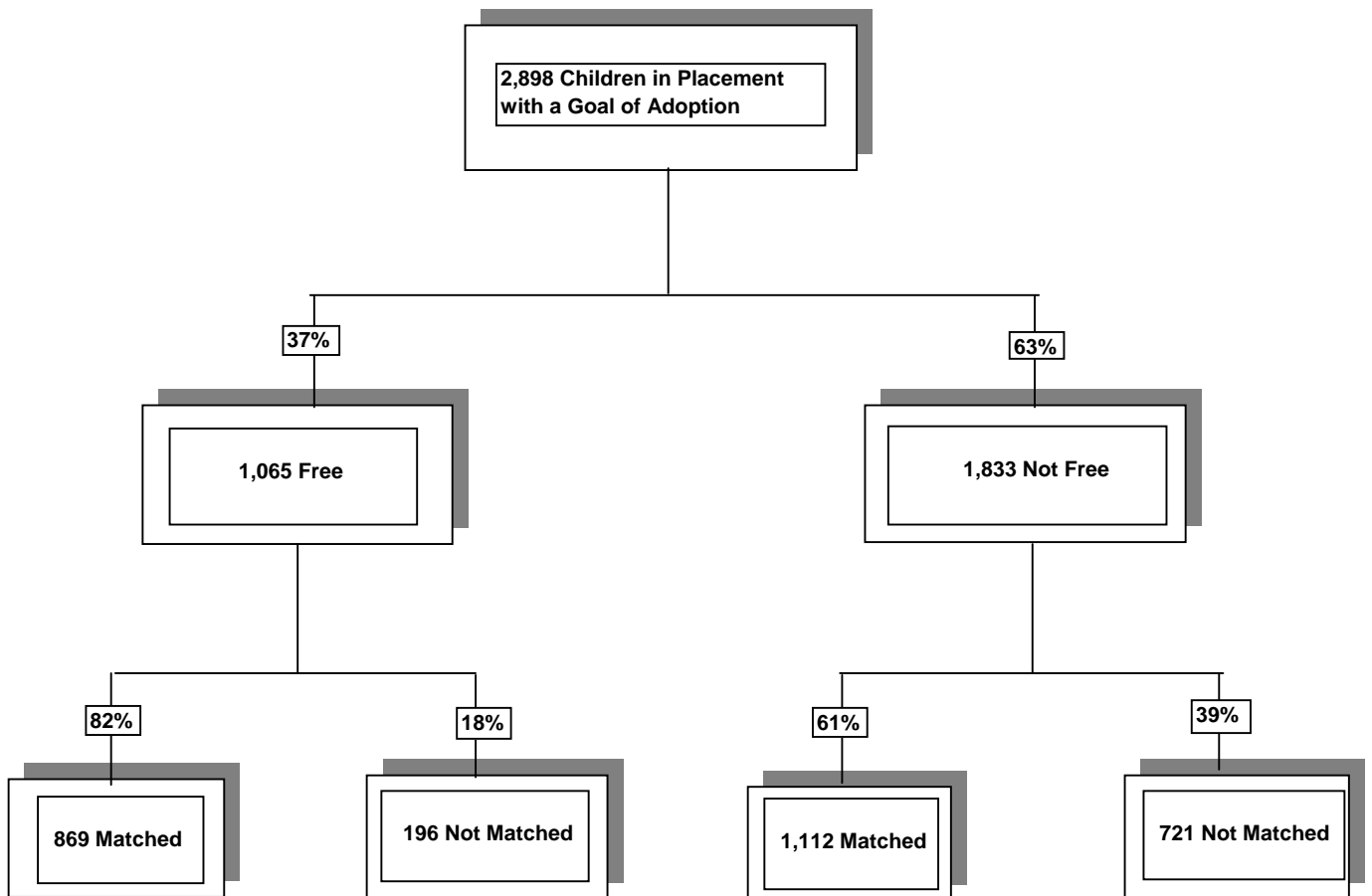
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Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)



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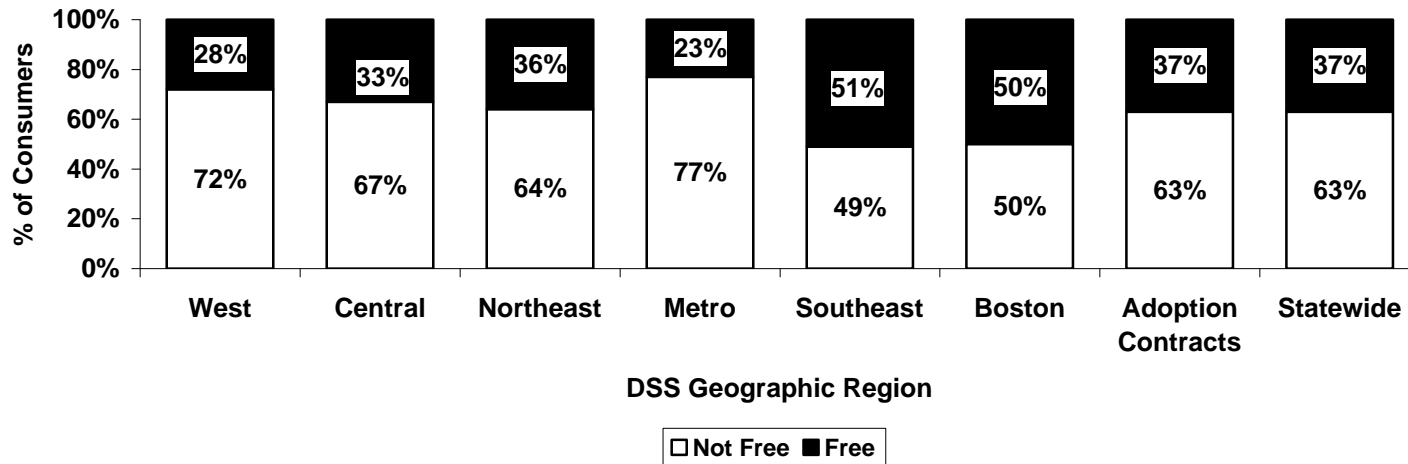
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



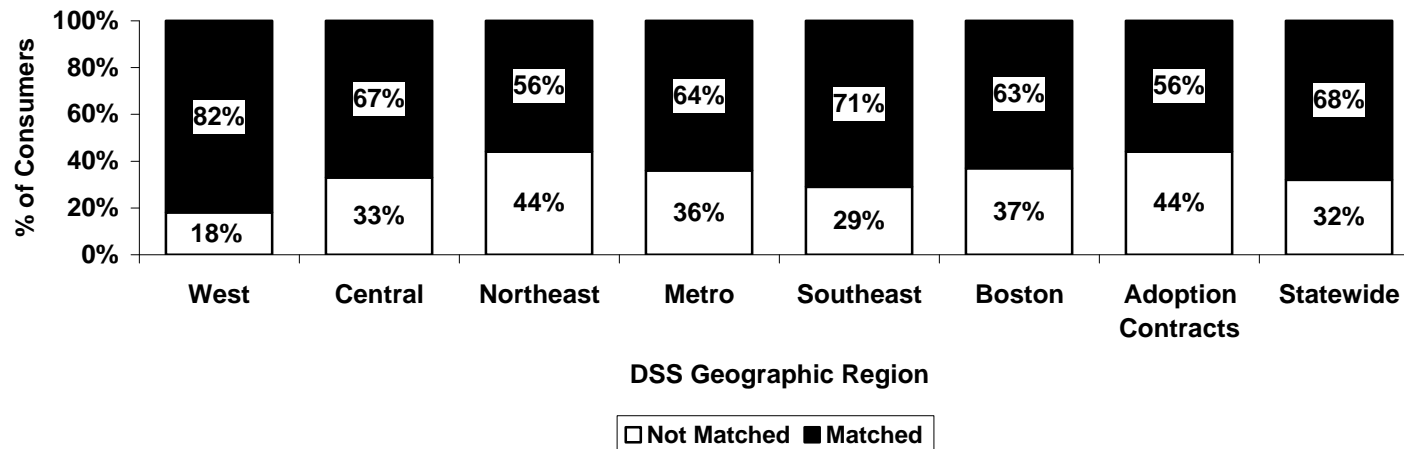
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

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**Figure 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free
(FY'04, 3RD QUARTER)**



**Figure 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and
Matched to a Permanent Family
(FY'04, 3RD QUARTER)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, there were 3,850 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,713 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-four percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 6% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 9% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 81-88% of the total intakes for each region. The Central and Southeastern Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals, 13% and 11%, respectively. Voluntary requests were most significant in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 24 (Metro) to 88 (Southeast) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. **(Table 9A)**
- Regionally, case openings were lowest in the 1st Quarter of FY'2004. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INTIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Geographic Region | Case Counts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-----|---|-----|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------|
| | Supported CA/N Reports No. % | | CHINS Referrals No. % | | Voluntary Requests for Services No. % | | Other ⁽²⁾ No. % | | Unspecified No. % | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western | 621 | 88% | 61 | 9% | 17 | 2% | 6 | 1% | 1 | * | 706 |
| Central | 387 | 81% | 62 | 13% | 26 | 5% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 475 |
| Northeast | 573 | 85% | 47 | 7% | 43 | 6% | 10 | 1% | --- | --- | 673 |
| Metro | 537 | 86% | 24 | 4% | 57 | 9% | 9 | 1% | --- | --- | 627 |
| Southeast | 625 | 78% | 88 | 11% | 51 | 6% | 34 | 4% | --- | --- | 798 |
| Boston | 512 | 86% | 56 | 9% | 23 | 4% | 5 | 1% | --- | --- | 596 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | 3 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| Total | 3,258 | 84% | 338 | 9% | 217 | 6% | 64 | 2% | 1 | * | 3,878 |

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,850**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INTIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Geographic Region | Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|
| | Supported | | CHINS | | Voluntary | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Unspecified | | |
| | CA/N Reports No. | % | Referrals No. | % | Requests for Services No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | 2,839 | 92% | 159 | 5% | 64 | 2% | 33 | 1% | 3 | * | 3,098 |
| Central | 1,826 | 85% | 231 | 11% | 79 | 4% | 4 | * | --- | --- | 2,140 |
| Northeast | 2,597 | 87% | 202 | 7% | 160 | 5% | 33 | 1% | --- | --- | 2,992 |
| Metro | 2,284 | 88% | 83 | 3% | 195 | 8% | 33 | 1% | --- | --- | 2,595 |
| Southeast | 2,872 | 82% | 326 | 9% | 187 | 5% | 124 | 4% | --- | --- | 3,509 |
| Boston | 2,249 | 90% | 168 | 7% | 74 | 3% | 10 | * | --- | --- | 2,501 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | 4 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| Total | 14,671 | 87% | 1,169 | 7% | 759 | 5% | 237 | 1% | 3 | * | 16,839 |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

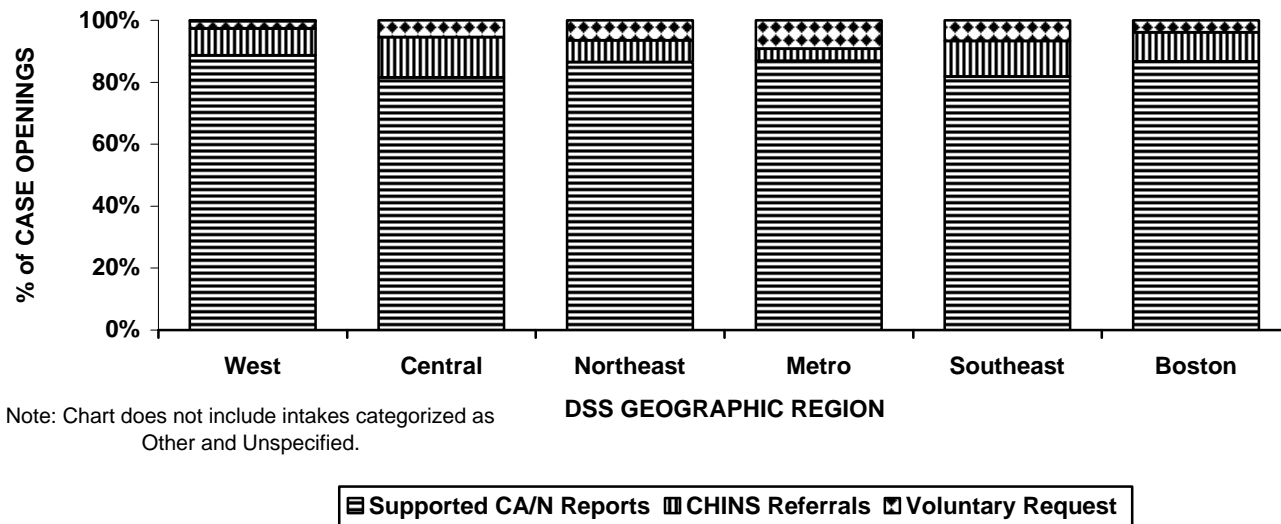
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,713**.

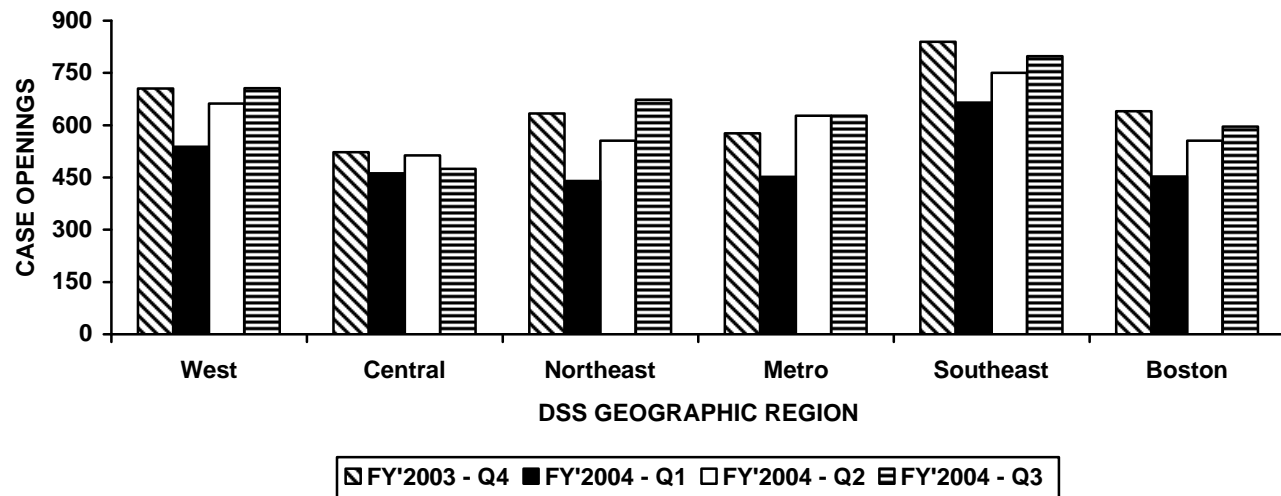
⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, 3,810 consumers started at least one placement and 1,613 consumers left at least one placement.¹ These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. **(Tables 10 and 11)**
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, 33% were first-time entrants and 67% were re-entrants.² The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.³ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 30% in Boston to 40% in Central. **(Table 10, Fig. 15)**
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the Western and Southeastern Regions (20% of statewide entrants for each region). **(Table 10)**
- Across the state, 66% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in residential care, and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.⁴ **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 61% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. **(Table 10)**
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (36%) and re-entrants (51%) into residential care. **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**
- The number of re-entrants going into residential care (160) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (138) in the Metro Region. Statewide, 826 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,559 re-entrants were placed in foster care. **(Table 10)**

¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

³ Changing providers.

⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 32% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 28% in both the Southeast and Boston to 40% in both the West and Central. (**Table 11**)
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 814 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-four percent of the 814 consumers leaving placement were returned home. (**Table 11**)

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Entry Type | Placement Location Started | West | Central | Northeast | Metro | Southeast | Boston | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | Total |
| First-Time Entrants: | | 267 | 194 | 195 | 179 | 261 | 144 | --- | 13 | 1,253 |
| | Foster Care | 230 | 155 | 138 | 112 | 209 | 116 | --- | 9 | 969 |
| | Residential | 35 | 34 | 53 | 65 | 41 | 24 | --- | 4 | 256 |
| | Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾ | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 4 | --- | --- | 28 |
| Re-Entrants: | | 491 | 286 | 358 | 312 | 489 | 339 | 25 | 257 | 2,557 |
| | Foster Care | 389 | 202 | 222 | 138 | 270 | 194 | 21 | 123 | 1,559 |
| | Residential | 70 | 67 | 107 | 160 | 191 | 112 | 4 | 115 | 826 |
| | Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾ | 32 | 17 | 29 | 14 | 28 | 33 | --- | 19 | 172 |
| Total | | 758 | 480 | 553 | 491 | 750 | 483 | 25 | 270 | 3,810 |

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Reason Placement Ended | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | Adoption | | Total |
|--|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | West | Central | Northeast | Metro | Southeast | Boston | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| Child Returned Home | 112 | 73 | 103 | 81 | 71 | 63 | --- | 20 | 523 |
| New or Other Service Referral for Placement | 73 | 53 | 92 | 61 | 106 | 78 | 5 | 44 | 512 |
| New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement | 24 | 15 | 21 | 33 | 24 | 25 | --- | 35 | 177 |
| Placement in Non-Referral Location | 16 | 17 | 16 | 20 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 15 | 110 |
| Child on the Run | 11 | 4 | 18 | 9 | 16 | 19 | --- | 5 | 82 |
| Child 18 or Older | 13 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 65 |
| Guardianship | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | --- | --- | 40 | 51 |
| Custody to Other Individual | 16 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 16 | --- | 2 | 46 |
| Consumer Adopted | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 34 |
| Custody to Other Agency | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | 4 | --- | --- | --- | 7 |
| Consumer Moved | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 2 | 6 |
| Total | 277 | 182 | 269 | 226 | 251 | 229 | 9 | 170 | 1,613 |

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

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FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS) (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

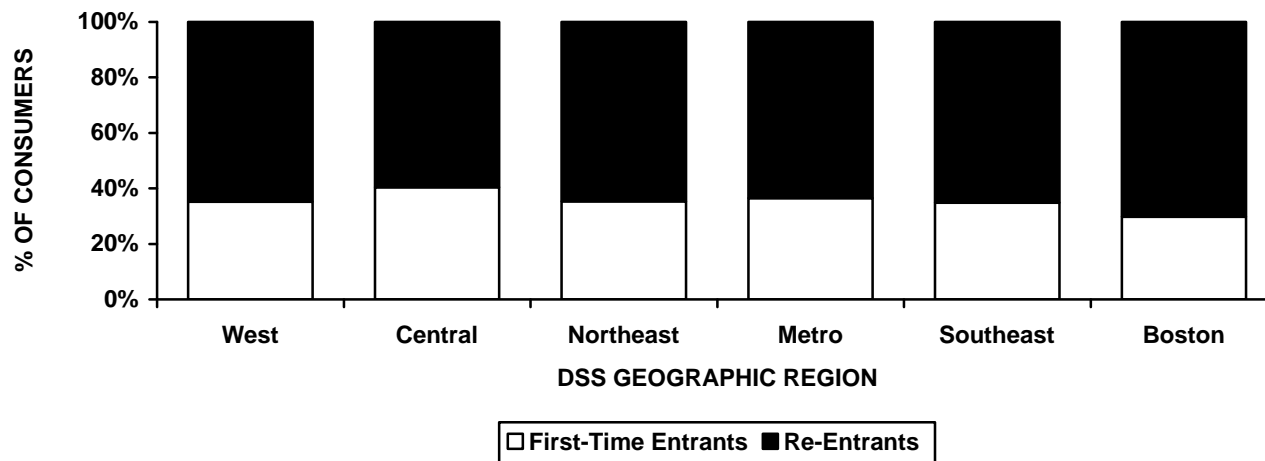
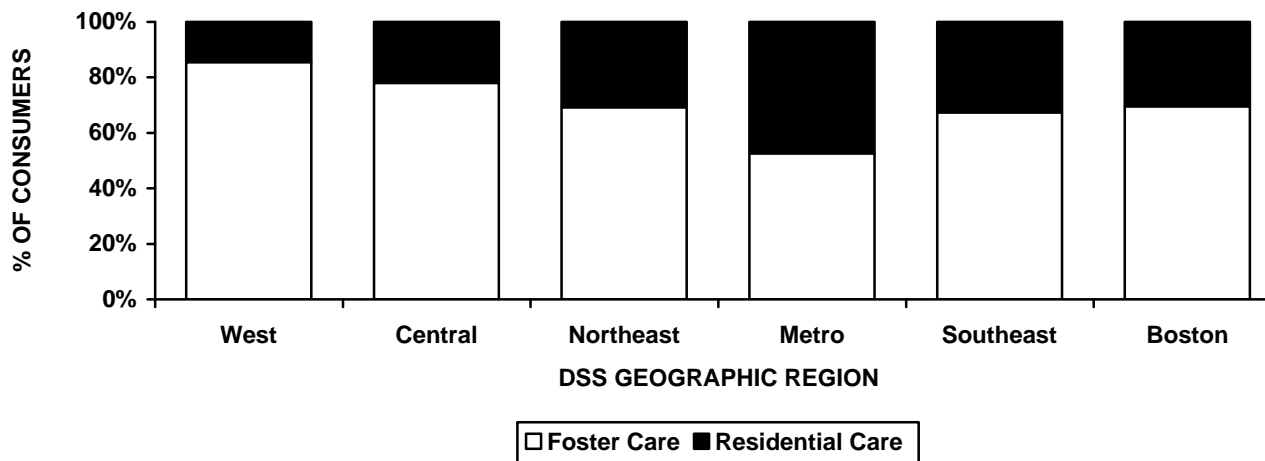
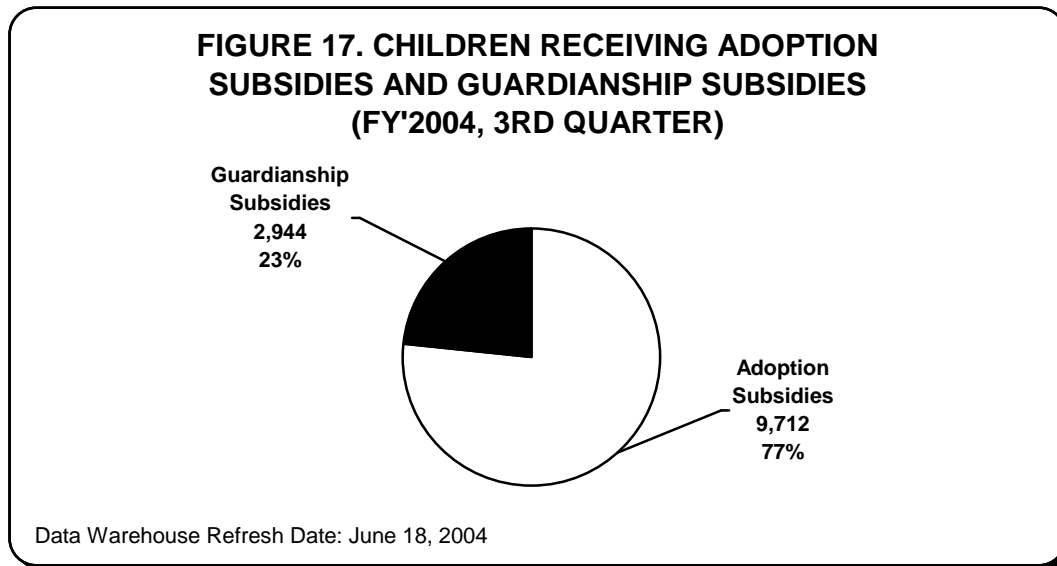


FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,712. Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,944. (Fig. 17)



From the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004 to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, the number of adoption subsidies rose 1%. During the same period, guardianship subsidies increased 3%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st quarter to the 2nd quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (see table below)

| | Subsidies | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Adoption | | Guardianship | |
| Quarter | No. | Quarterly Change | No. | Quarterly Change |
| FY'2001: 1 st | 8,775 | 1% | 2,647 | -1% |
| 2 nd | 8,910 | 2% | 2,700 | 2% |
| 3 rd | 9,004 | 1% | 2,754 | 2% |
| 4 th | 9,113 | 1% | 2,773 | 1% |
| FY'2002: 1 st | 9,240 | 1% | 2,789 | 1% |
| 2 nd | 9,361 | 1% | 2,809 | 1% |
| 3 rd | 9,482 | 1% | 2,863 | 2% |
| 4 th | 9,576 | 1% | 2,944 | 3% |
| FY'2003 1 st | 9,696 | 1% | 2,921 | -1% |
| 2 nd | 9,240 | -5% | 2,738 | -6% |
| 3 rd | 9,328 | 1% | 2,779 | 1% |
| 4 th | 9,470 | 2% | 2,838 | 2% |
| FY'2004 1 st | 9,605 | 1% | 2,839 | * |
| 2 nd | 9,616 | * | 2,866 | 1% |
| 3 rd | 9,712 | 1% | 2,944 | 3% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, there were 4,929 foster homes. Included in this total are all kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as approved unrestricted homes.³ Approved unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,390) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,539). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52% while unrestricted homes decreased from 71% to 48%. **(see graph on page 44)**
- Statewide, 75% of foster parents in approved unrestricted homes were White⁴ and 59% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 70% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White⁵ and 49% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Fifteen percent (730) of all foster homes were identified as Black (384 restricted and 346 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (789) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (386 restricted and 403 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has selected another home in which the child chooses to live; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who has a relationship with the child.

³ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

⁴ Statewide, the race of 7% of the unrestricted foster parents was unspecified.

⁵ Statewide, the race of 8% of restricted foster parents was unspecified.

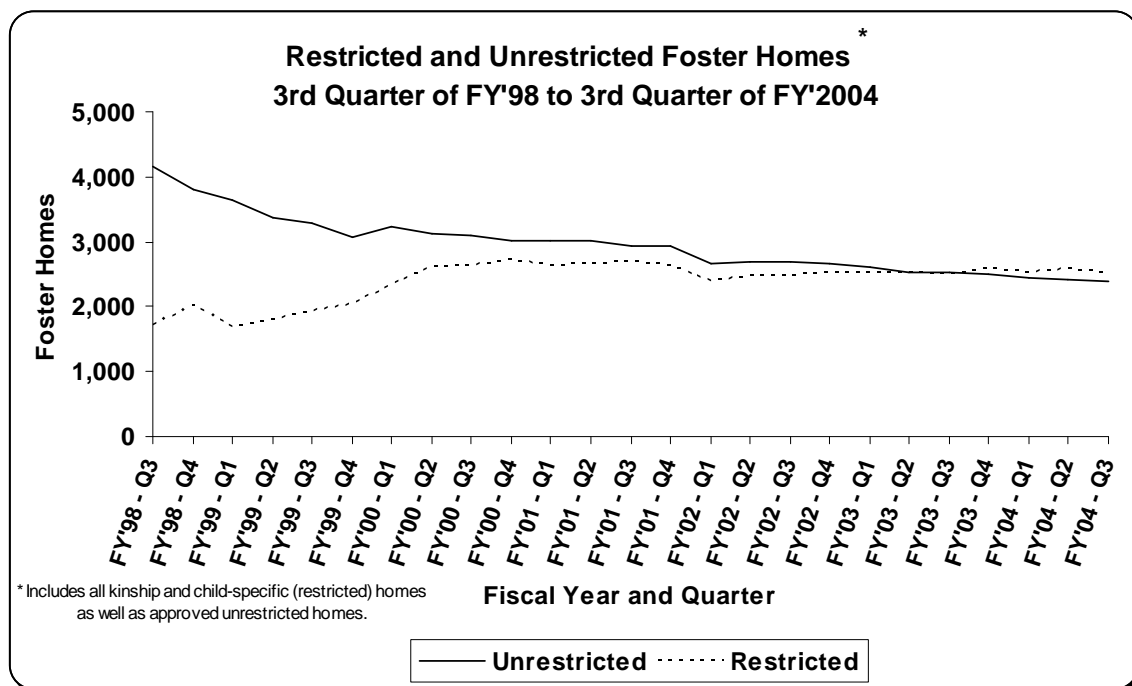


TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

| Provider Status | DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Restricted: | 532 | | 387 | | 382 | | 297 | | 621 | | 267 | | 53 | | 2,539 | |
| White | 395 | 74% | 298 | 77% | 268 | 70% | 231 | 78% | 473 | 76% | 91 | 34% | 27 | 51% | 1,783 | 70% |
| Black | 68 | 13% | 29 | 7% | 26 | 7% | 32 | 11% | 79 | 13% | 130 | 49% | 20 | 38% | 384 | 15% |
| Asian | 1 | * | 1 | * | 22 | 6% | 1 | * | 2 | * | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 30 | 1% |
| Native American | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 3 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | 5 | * |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 9 | 2% | 1 | 0% | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 2 | * | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 17 | 1% |
| Unspecified | 30 | 6% | 36 | 9% | 53 | 14% | 13 | 4% | 33 | 5% | 35 | 13% | 2 | 4% | 202 | 8% |
| Unrestricted: | 523 | | 354 | | 334 | | 269 | | 499 | | 252 | | 159 | | 2,390 | |
| White | 372 | 71% | 316 | 89% | 250 | 75% | 228 | 85% | 425 | 85% | 65 | 26% | 130 | 82% | 1,786 | 75% |
| Black | 76 | 15% | 18 | 5% | 8 | 2% | 29 | 11% | 41 | 8% | 152 | 60% | 22 | 14% | 346 | 14% |
| Asian | --- | --- | 1 | * | 11 | 3% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 2% | 15 | 1% |
| Native American | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 52 | 10% | 1 | * | 5 | 1% | 1 | * | 4 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 66 | 3% |
| Unspecified | 23 | 4% | 18 | 5% | 59 | 18% | 11 | 4% | 26 | 5% | 33 | 13% | 3 | 2% | 173 | 7% |
| Total | 1,055 | | 741 | | 716 | | 566 | | 1,120 | | 519 | | 212 | | 4,929 | |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

| DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|--|
| Provider | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | | | | | | |
| Status | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Restricted: | 532 | | 387 | | 382 | | 297 | | 621 | | 267 | | 53 | | 2,539 | | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 140 | 26% | 56 | 14% | 79 | 21% | 16 | 5% | 46 | 7% | 46 | 17% | 3 | 6% | 386 | 15% | | |
| Not Hispanic/Latino | 354 | 67% | 293 | 76% | 267 | 70% | 249 | 84% | 519 | 84% | 201 | 75% | 43 | 81% | 1,926 | 76% | | |
| Unspecified | 38 | 7% | 38 | 10% | 36 | 9% | 32 | 11% | 56 | 9% | 20 | 7% | 7 | 13% | 227 | 9% | | |
| Unrestricted: | 523 | | 354 | | 334 | | 269 | | 499 | | 252 | | 159 | | 2,390 | | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 137 | 26% | 45 | 13% | 99 | 30% | 17 | 6% | 45 | 9% | 55 | 22% | 5 | 3% | 403 | 17% | | |
| Not Hispanic/Latino | 357 | 68% | 306 | 86% | 228 | 68% | 249 | 93% | 442 | 89% | 192 | 76% | 147 | 92% | 1,921 | 80% | | |
| Unspecified | 29 | 6% | 3 | 1% | 7 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 12 | 2% | 5 | 2% | 7 | 4% | 66 | 3% | | |
| Total | 1,055 | | 741 | | 716 | | 566 | | 1,120 | | 519 | | 212 | | 4,929 | | | |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER) ⁽¹⁾

| DSS Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| Provider Status | West | | Central | | Northeast | | Metro | | Southeast | | Boston | | | | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | | |
| Restricted: | 532 | | 387 | | 382 | | 297 | | 621 | | 267 | | 53 | | 2,539 | | | | |
| Married | 258 | 48% | 216 | 56% | 199 | 52% | 138 | 46% | 312 | 50% | 103 | 39% | 27 | 51% | 1,253 | 49% | | | |
| Single | 58 | 11% | 40 | 10% | 40 | 10% | 37 | 12% | 59 | 10% | 25 | 9% | 9 | 17% | 268 | 11% | | | |
| Divorced | 33 | 6% | 12 | 3% | 19 | 5% | 7 | 2% | 25 | 4% | 13 | 5% | 2 | 4% | 111 | 4% | | | |
| Separated | 128 | 24% | 81 | 21% | 92 | 24% | 77 | 26% | 149 | 24% | 108 | 40% | 12 | 23% | 647 | 25% | | | |
| Widowed | 18 | 3% | 14 | 4% | 17 | 4% | 15 | 5% | 35 | 6% | 10 | 4% | 1 | 2% | 110 | 4% | | | |
| Unrestricted | 523 | | 354 | | 334 | | 269 | | 499 | | 252 | | 159 | | 2,390 | | | | |
| Married | 292 | 56% | 266 | 75% | 189 | 57% | 156 | 58% | 327 | 66% | 93 | 37% | 98 | 62% | 1,421 | 59% | | | |
| Single | 79 | 15% | 38 | 11% | 32 | 10% | 29 | 11% | 63 | 13% | 35 | 14% | 10 | 6% | 286 | 12% | | | |
| Divorced | 26 | 5% | 7 | 2% | 12 | 4% | 5 | 2% | 21 | 4% | 17 | 7% | 1 | 1% | 89 | 4% | | | |
| Separated | 104 | 20% | 38 | 11% | 83 | 25% | 72 | 27% | 60 | 12% | 95 | 38% | 50 | 31% | 502 | 21% | | | |
| Widowed | 19 | 4% | 5 | 1% | 16 | 5% | 7 | 3% | 27 | 5% | 12 | 5% | --- | --- | 86 | 4% | | | |
| Unspecified | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | * | | | |
| Total | 1,055 | | 741 | | 716 | | 566 | | 1,120 | | 519 | | 212 | | 4,929 | | | | |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 18,446 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004. Sixty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Six percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West and Southeast. However, both of these DSS Regions were surpassed by the Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) which recorded 3,767 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in Central to 73% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-2% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 20% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 10% from the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004 to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004. Increases ranged from 5% Metro to 20% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004 was 9,818.¹ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,993) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 53% in the Southeast to a high of 60% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 75% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- Boston had the highest screen-in rate (73%) and the third highest support rate (58%). A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high support rate. After Boston, the Northeastern and Southeastern Regions had the next highest screen-in rates (67-69%) and the lowest support rates (53-54%). Conversely, the Western Region had one of the lowest screen-in rates (57%) and the highest support rate (60%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, there was a less than 1% increase in investigations from the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004 to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004. Regional changes ranged from -4% in Metro to 5% in the Northeast. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| DSS Geographic Region | Screening Decision | | | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|------|
| | Screened Out | | Screened-In | | | | | |
| | | | Non-Emergency | | Emergency | | No. | % |
| No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| West | 1,501 | 43% | 1,898 | 55% | 61 | 2% | 3,460 | 19% |
| Central | 969 | 44% | 1,201 | 54% | 43 | 2% | 2,213 | 12% |
| Northeast | 781 | 31% | 1,709 | 68% | 23 | 1% | 2,513 | 14% |
| Metro | 657 | 36% | 1,155 | 63% | 28 | 2% | 1,840 | 10% |
| Southeast | 933 | 33% | 1,866 | 65% | 66 | 2% | 2,865 | 16% |
| Boston | 463 | 26% | 1,266 | 71% | 42 | 2% | 1,771 | 10% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 1,122 | 30% | 1,892 | 50% | 753 | 20% | 3,767 | 20% |
| Special Investigations | 5 | 29% | 12 | 71% | --- | --- | 17 | * |
| Total | 6,431 | 35% | 10,999 | 60% | 1,016 | 6% | 18,446 | 100% |

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

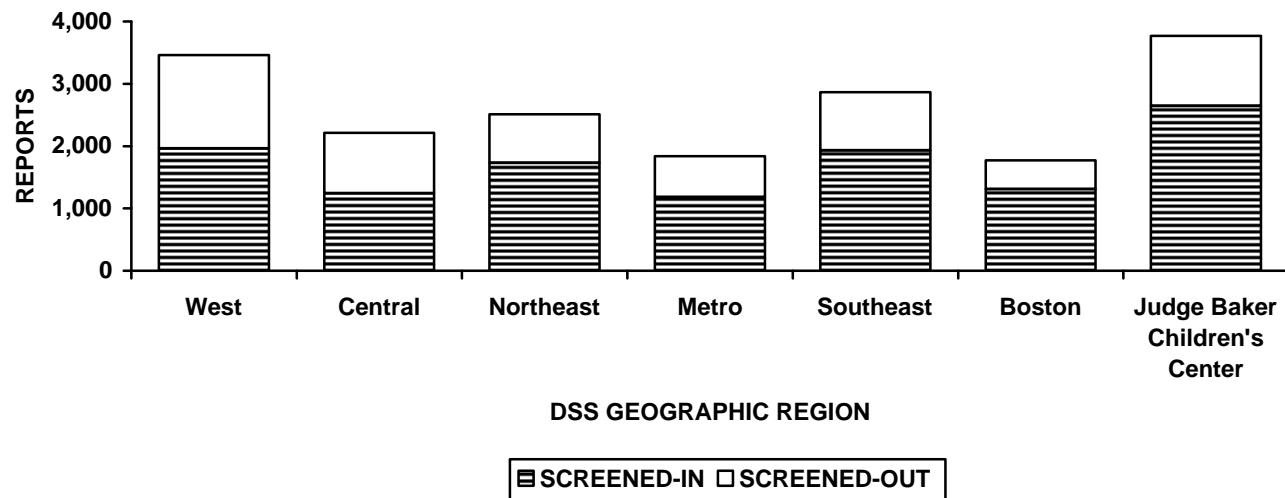
| DSS Geographic Region | Investigation Decision | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------|------|
| | Supported | | Unsupported | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| West | 1,001 | 60% | 666 | 40% | 1,667 | 17% |
| Central | 653 | 56% | 513 | 44% | 1,166 | 12% |
| Northeast | 906 | 54% | 769 | 46% | 1,675 | 17% |
| Metro | 729 | 59% | 515 | 41% | 1,244 | 13% |
| Southeast | 1,059 | 53% | 934 | 47% | 1,993 | 20% |
| Boston | 737 | 58% | 534 | 42% | 1,271 | 13% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 472 | 75% | 161 | 25% | 633 | 6% |
| Special Investigations | 46 | 27% | 123 | 73% | 169 | 2% |
| Total | 5,603 | 57% | 4,215 | 43% | 9,818 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

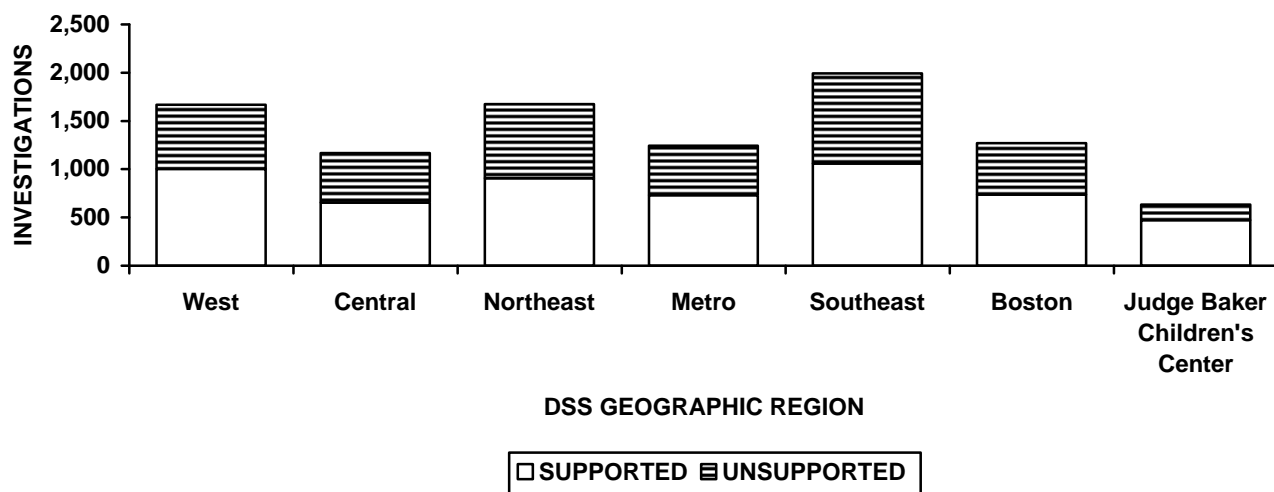
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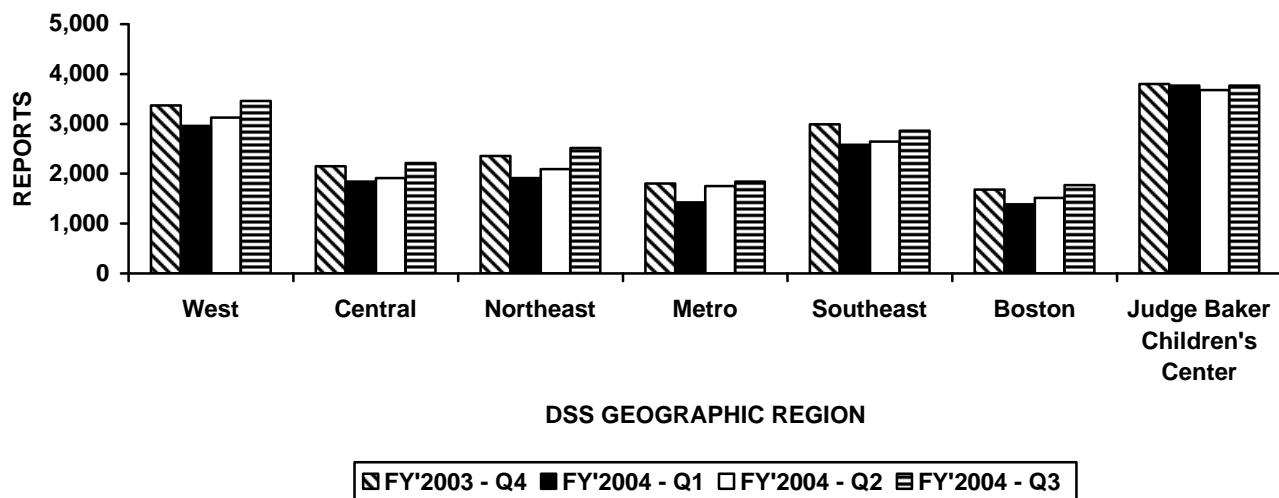
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



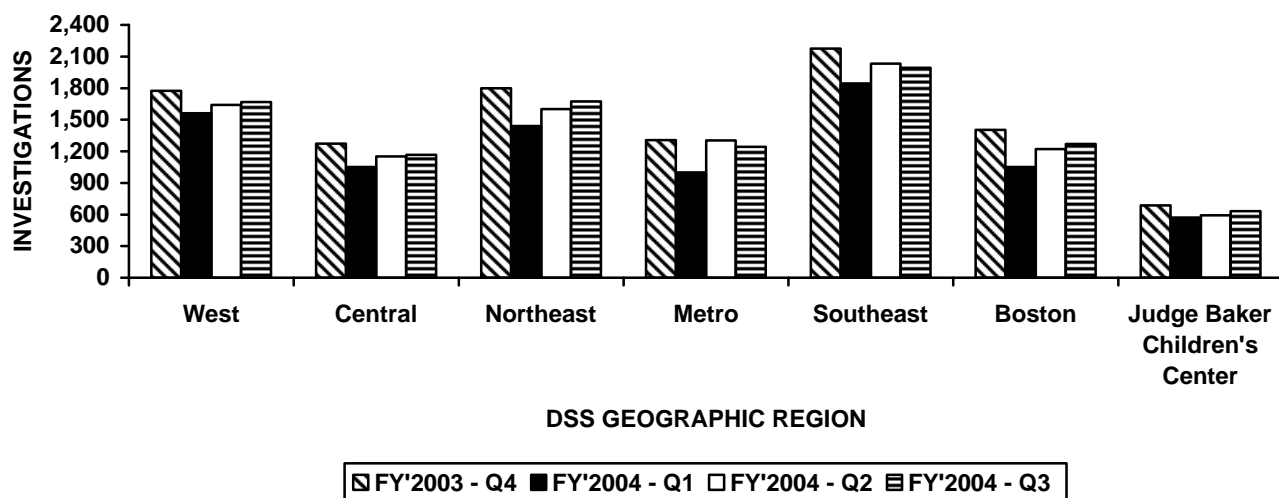
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2003, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004, 1,182 cases were referred to the District Attorneys (DAs) (see table below). Forty-five percent of case referrals to the DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 55% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22**). There was a 10% increase in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

| Date | Mandatory | | Discretionary | | Total |
|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. |
| FY'01, Q3 | 380 | 43% | 504 | 57% | 884 |
| FY'01, Q4 | 435 | 48% | 468 | 52% | 903 |
| FY'02, Q1 | 341 | 46% | 403 | 54% | 744 |
| FY'02, Q2 | 421 | 45% | 507 | 55% | 928 |
| FY'02, Q3 | 443 | 42% | 614 | 58% | 1,057 |
| FY'02, Q4 | 494 | 45% | 616 | 55% | 1,110 |
| FY'03, Q1 | 477 | 46% | 555 | 54% | 1,032 |
| FY'03, Q2 | 488 | 48% | 530 | 52% | 1,018 |
| FY'03, Q3 | 525 | 46% | 611 | 54% | 1,136 |
| FY'03, Q4 | 599 | 49% | 614 | 51% | 1,213 |
| FY'04, Q1 | 527 | 52% | 489 | 48% | 1,016 |
| FY'04, Q2 | 489 | 45% | 586 | 55% | 1,075 |
| FY'04, Q3 | 527 | 45% | 655 | 55% | 1,182 |

(*) DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 76% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³ during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2004 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-three percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.
- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Middlesex. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompasses city of Springfield) had higher numbers of referrals than expected and Norfolk County had lower numbers.

¹ Mandatory referrals to the District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorneys; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorneys, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

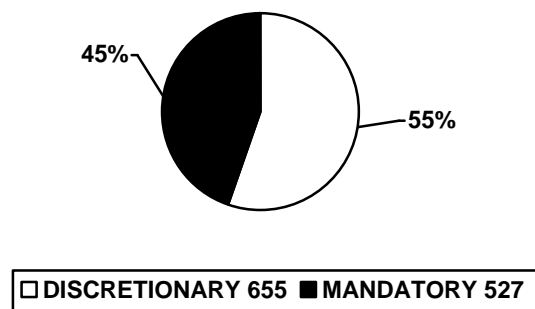
³ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

| Date | Sexual Abuse | | Physical Abuse | | Death | | Total |
|-----------|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------|----|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. |
| FY'01, Q3 | 303 | 75% | 91 | 23% | 8 | 2% | 402 |
| FY'01, Q4 | 346 | 77% | 102 | 23% | 3 | 1% | 451 |
| FY'02, Q1 | 295 | 83% | 57 | 16% | 5 | 1% | 357 |
| FY'02, Q2 | 329 | 75% | 107 | 24% | 5 | 1% | 441 |
| FY'02, Q3 | 361 | 78% | 90 | 20% | 9 | 2% | 460 |
| FY'02, Q4 | 398 | 78% | 111 | 22% | 3 | 1% | 512 |
| FY'03, Q1 | 409 | 82% | 84 | 17% | 8 | 2% | 501 |
| FY'03, Q2 | 412 | 82% | 88 | 18% | -- | -- | 500 |
| FY'03, Q3 | 412 | 76% | 123 | 23% | 6 | 1% | 541 |
| FY'03, Q4 | 455 | 73% | 166 | 27% | 5 | 1% | 626 |
| FY'04, Q1 | 459 | 83% | 87 | 16% | 9 | 2% | 555 |
| FY'04, Q2 | 385 | 76% | 114 | 23% | 5 | 1% | 504 |
| FY'04, Q3 | 414 | 76% | 127 | 23% | 6 | 1% | 547 |

DA REFERRALS (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL
(Case Count*)



* A case referral may include more than one reason.

FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS
(Reason Count*)

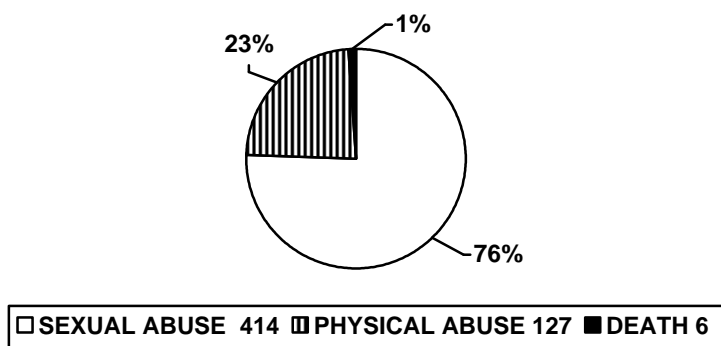


TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| Nature of Abuse | Reasons | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| | No. | % |
| Sexual Abuse: | 414 | 76% |
| Sexual Assault | 390 | |
| Sexual Exploitation | 24 | |
| | | |
| Serious Physical Abuse: | 127 | 23% |
| | | |
| Death: | 6 | 1% |
| Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals | 547 | 100% |

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TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY ⁽¹⁾ (FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER)

| County ⁽²⁾ | Case Referrals | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------|
| | Discretionary | | Mandatory | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Essex | 176 | 51% | 168 | 49% | 344 |
| Worcester | 82 | 58% | 60 | 42% | 142 |
| Suffolk | 89 | 64% | 51 | 36% | 140 |
| Hampden | 69 | 50% | 68 | 50% | 137 |
| Middlesex | 87 | 65% | 47 | 35% | 134 |
| Bristol | 33 | 43% | 44 | 57% | 77 |
| Plymouth | 40 | 63% | 23 | 37% | 63 |
| Berkshire | 19 | 40% | 29 | 60% | 48 |
| Norfolk | 19 | 54% | 16 | 46% | 35 |
| Franklin | 16 | 70% | 7 | 30% | 23 |
| Hampshire | 16 | 89% | 2 | 11% | 18 |
| Barnstable | 6 | 46% | 7 | 54% | 13 |
| Dukes | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| OUT OF STATE | 3 | 38% | 5 | 63% | 8 |
| Total | 655 | | 527 | | 1,182 |

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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